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NAPIDAN AT WORK.

Shells Rebels and Makes Way for Gale's Cavalry.

Definite Decision About Recruiting. Enlisting for Philipines Will Continue.

Manila, June 28.—Captain Gale's squadron of the Fourth cavalry embarked for Morong Monday on the gunboat Napidan, which, accompanied by troops, visited the town of Muntinlupa on the west coast of the lake and found a small body of rebels entrenched there. The reinforcements were shelled by the Napidan and when the rebels began to retreat the cavalry was landed. The Filipinos, in firing the final volley, killed a cavalry private.

General Jaramillos, who is settling Spain's military affairs here, received a cablegram from the minister of war at Madrid, General Polavieja, announcing that the pay of all soldiers, who are in the hands of the insurgents, will be continued during their captivity. The families of many of these officers and soldiers are in Manila without means of support here or on their return to Spain.

The new Spanish consul, Senor Luis Marinas, says his foremost business is to secure the release of prisoners. The Spaniards are fast leaving Manila. The steamer Isla de Luzon sails for Spain soon, taking several hundred persons, civil and military, and their families. Spanish commercial men are selling out and some of the largest interests here will soon pass into the hands of English capitalists.

Washington, June 28.—Secretary Alger, General Corbin, Colonel Bird, assistant quartermaster general in charge of transportation had an hour's conference with the president this morning about reinforcements for General Otis. A definite decision was reached to continue recruiting for service in the Philippines. Secretary Alger later said that General Otis would have 40,000 men when the rainy season closes and active operations begin.

Manila, June 28.—General Otis has ordered the opening up to trade of many ports that have been closed since the outbreak. Many ships used in inter-island commerce have been tied up in the harbor here for months and the shipping and merchants have been urging the government to raise the blockade.

When the decision was made known yesterday the scene in the custom house was as animated as the floor of an American stock exchange. It was a busy day. Shipowners rushed to get their clearance papers.

There will be a great boom in the hemp business, which has been at a standstill. The ships will race to bring the first cargoes, before the demand weakens. As there is a heavy export duty on hemp, this will greatly increase the revenues. The interests of the natives, as well as the merchants and traders generally, led General Otis to take this action. Delegations from the southern islands told him that the cessation of business was bringing much suffering to peaceful inhabitants.

Gunboats will protect the shipping in some ports; but elsewhere shippers must risk confiscation by the insurgents, who exact heavy tribute of all ships they permit to sail.

The rumor that Aguinaldo had been assassinated was in circulation here for several days. It was not believed, but its currency gave it a definite form. According to the story General Pio Del Pilar called upon Aguinaldo on June 19 and accused him of causing General Luna to be killed. Aguinaldo denied responsibility and added that he deeply regretted Luna's death. General Pio Del Pilar, as the story goes, called him a liar and scoundrel, shot him twice in the head with his revolver and walked away unmolested.

The report finds no credence in Manila. A Filipino general, mounted on a big horse, with a numerous staff, has been seen haranguing the Filipino troops around San Fernando, in Pamanga province, and this officer is supposed to be Aguinaldo.

Yesterday four guns of Hobbes' battery and other artillery bombarded the Filipino blockhouse and trenches about two miles north of San Fernando. The blockhouse, which had been used by Filipino sharpshooters to annoy the American outposts, was destroyed. The enemy made no resistance.

Yesterday the Spanish consul general, wearing a brilliant uniform, visited Major General Otis. He was received in the latter's office, which is hung with portraits of Spanish royal personages. In the course of a graceful speech he said that the Spanish in the Philippines would hold no resentment because of the past and would entertain no sentiments but those of respect toward the new regime.

EASTERN EMPIRES DISCUSSING WAR

Vancouver, B. C., June 28.—The peace conference at the Hague has led Viscount Miura, the fire-eating Japanese general, to join hands with Count Okuma, in a crusade against the extension of the army and navy and the increase of taxes. The viscount thinks Japan is under no necessity of being prepared for military action. China has neither the power nor intention to fight her. Russia has no cause for disquietude. No European power is able to send 50,000 to the far east. The Japanese war will be fought on land.

Chinese advisers say the export of rice from Wuhu has been suddenly interdicted on the ground that China is on the eve of war.

Leasing Boston and Albany

New York, June 28.—A meeting of the New York Central and Boston and Albany representatives will be held here Friday to consider the question of leasing the Boston and Albany road to the Central.

KRUGER YIELDING Believed He Listened to the Orange Free State Compromise Suggestion

Pretoria, June 28.—The conference between President Kruger and Fischer, a member of the executive council of Orange Free State, who was the bearer of the compromise suggestion from the Free state in the matter of the dispute between the Transvaal and Great Britain, has been concluded and the impression is that Fischer's mission was successful.

A Funny Affair

Lyons, Neb., June 28.—The school board has resigned in a body because the high school graduation class persisted in appearing on the stage at commencement in overalls. The students claim they suffered humiliations at the hands of the board, retaliating by adopting "Work" as the class motto and determined to appear in laborers' garb to claim their diplomas. Because the board would not pay expenses of the hall from the funds, the students charged an admission, and the townspeople, entering into the spirit of the affair, crowded the house to the doors.

Base Ball News

Chicago, June 28.—Arrangements are being completed for the transfer of all the Columbus Western league team games to Cleveland, beginning Saturday. A strong movement is also on foot for the formation of a new baseball league to be a competitor of the National league on lines of the old American league.

Columbia a Mile Ahead

Block Island, R. I., June 28.—The Columbia and Defender passed Point Judith on the starboard tack at 1.05 o'clock this afternoon, the Columbia leading the Defender a mile in a windward position.

Fatal Quarry Accident

Graniteville, Mass., June 28.—A bank in the granite quarry caved in this morning and killed Jeremiah Sullivan of Lowell, and fatally injuring Louis Caza of Lowell, recently of Barre, Vt.

Dewey Leaves Colombo

Washington, June 28.—The navy department has been notified that Admiral Dewey left Colombo for Port Said this morning.

Mrs McKinley Improving

Washington, June 28.—Mrs. McKinley is materially improved this morning. She has gained strength since her return to the White House. She is still weak, however, and does not arise.

The Shamrock in Tow

London, June 28.—The cup challenger Shamrock has been towed to Southampton.

WAITING PISTOL SHOT

VARITY CREWS READY

Finishing Touches Added and Hand Practice Over. Men in Excellent Condition. Harvard Betting on Two out of Three Events.

Gales Ferry, Conn., June 28.—The finishing touches have been applied, the hard practice is over and the Harvard and Yale crews are practically awaiting the pistol shot tomorrow. All are in perfect shape and there are no indications of overtraining. The river work was delightful this year on account of the cordial feeling on both sides. There was utter lack of secrecy and open, frank methods of practice, and the exchange of unusual courtesy has done much in putting intercollegiate rowing on a new footing.

The new scheme will be tried this year for the convenience of visitors. The university fours will row at 10:30. Then the two freshmen crews, and late in the afternoon the varsity race.

The belief is apparently permeating Gales Ferry that Harvard has the betting for two out of three of the contests. The big race is the doubtful one. The Yale eight is in superior form and has more endurance and reserve power and also is the veteran aggregation. Harvard, however, has displayed remarkable speed abilities.

A HORRIBLE DEED

Rhode Island Man, Hacks and Stabs His Mistress and Burns Her Body to a Crisp.

Providence, R. I., June 28.—Word was received today that Sadie B. Mathewson, 26, was murdered by her paramour, Samuel R. Owens, 37, at Foster, R. I., yesterday. Foster is a small place of 1000 inhabitants in the western part of the state.

Both were drunk and Owens drove the woman into the yard, knocked her down and split her head open with an axe stabbed her twice in the breast with a carving knife, then pouring kerosene oil over her, set her on fire while she was still breathing.

The body was burned to a crisp. Owens was captured.

Harvard Honors Cambon

Boston, June 28.—According to the time-honored custom, Governor Wolcott and Lieutenant Governor Crane and staff attended Harvard commencement today. The French ambassador, Jules Cambon, who received an honorary degree, was escorted by the national lanciers.

The honorary degrees conferred today were: Doctors of Laws to Jules Cambon, French ambassador to the United States; General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., military governor of Santiago, Cuba; Arthur F. Hadley, president-elect of Yale university, and Admiral W. T. Sampson, U. S. N.

Crew of Burning Steamer Rescued

Wilmington, N. C., June 28.—Steamship George W. Clyde arrived here yesterday with Captain Ingram and crew of 21 men of the steamship Pawnee on board, the Clyde having picked them up from small boats soon after they abandoned the Pawnee, leaving her wrapped in flames. The Pawnee was abandoned off Currituck, on the North Carolina coast, a little past midnight on Sunday night. The fire was discovered about midnight, and had gained such headway that every effort to check the flames was futile. The Pawnee had a full cargo, principally lumber, of which there was between 500,000 and 600,000 feet. There was also a quantity of cotton.

Dewey Will Not Go There

Halifax, June 28.—United States Consul General Foster has denied explicitly the statement that he had received word from Washington that Admiral Dewey would stop at Halifax on his way to the United States, making Boston his first American port. "The report attributed to me," said the consul general, "is entirely unauthorized. I have had no advice whatever from Washington or elsewhere concerning the matter."

Anti-Budget Demonstrations

Saragossa, Spain, June 28.—Many people were injured during the rioting here Monday. Seventeen persons received dangerous wounds. The troops were obliged to fire on the people. Martial law has been declared at Valencia and fighting has occurred at Granada, where the troops charged and wounded several people. Anti-budget demonstrations have also occurred at Burgos, Toledo and Legrone.

Serious Strike Riots

Berlin, June 28.—Serious strike riots broke out yesterday in the Bochum coal mines. The troops who were called to protect the non-strikers were attacked by the rioters, and were compelled to use their side-arms and fire-arms. Many persons were injured. The strikers fired on the miners' houses, and the gendarmes returned the fire.

STRANGE HAPPENING

MISS JOHNSON DEAD

Superintendent of Sherborn Prison Dies From Heart Failure Induced by Reading Reports of International Women's Council.

London, June 28.—Miss Ellen C. Johnson, superintendent of the Massachusetts women's reformatory prison at Sherborn, died suddenly of heart disease this morning, as the result of excitement from reading in the paper about yesterday's meeting of the international council of women.

YALE'S COMMENCEMENT

Attorney General Griggs Honored by the Great University.

New Haven, June 28.—Yale commencement today began with all the pomp and ceremony attached to this event of this great institution of learning. The weather was poor, rain falling.

The events of the day were the conferring of 615 degrees, 16 honorary. These included an LL. D. to John W. Griggs, attorney general of the United States; M. A. to Admiral Francis M. Bunce, John R. Mott of New York, and Captain William C. Wise, U. S. N.

A French Duel

Paris, June 28.—A duel was fought this morning with swords by M. Berteaux, socialist, and M. Millovoje, republican nationalist, as the result of an altercation between them in the chamber of deputies yesterday. Berteaux was wounded in the left cheek. Then the men shook hands.

Dreyfus Court Martial

Rennes, France, June 28.—The official list of the composition of the Dreyfus court martial is as follows: President Colonel Jouaust, Majors Brogniart, Debreon, Profillet and Merle and Captains Parfait and Beauvais. All have passed through the polytechnic school.

A Degree for Hadley

Middletown, Conn., June 28.—At the close of the commencement exercises at Wesleyan university, the honorary degree of LL. D. was conferred on Arthur T. Hadley, president-elect of Yale.

Kentucky's Governor

Louisville, Ky., June 28.—J. C. W. Beckham of Nelson after two ballots was unanimously chosen as nominee for governor at the democratic state convention today.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Received through the office of George H. Bancroft, Commission Stock Broker, Room 5 Burlingame Block.

June 28, 1899.			
Atch pr	187 1/2	188 1/2	187 1/2
Atch pr	58 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
B. R. T.	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2
C. B. & Q.	135 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2
C. C. C.	59 1/2	57 1/2	58 1/2
D. & H.	122 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2
Fed. Steel, Ex-D	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Fed. Steel pr	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
J. C. Elec.	119 1/2	117 1/2	119 1/2
Gen. Elec.	118 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
Lead pr	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
Z. & N.	70 1/2	69 1/2	70 1/2
Man	119 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2
Mo. Pac.	44 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
M. K. T. pr.	35 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2
No. West	160 1/2	160 1/2	160 1/2
No. Pac	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
No. Pac pr	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
N. Y. C.	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2
P. M.	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
Peo. Gas	120 1/2	119 1/2	120 1/2
Rubber	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Rock Island	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2
Reading pr	61 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2
S. R. pr	51 1/2	50 1/2	51 1/2
St. Paul	120 1/2	119 1/2	120 1/2
Sugar	155 1/2	153 1/2	154 1/2
T. C. I.	65 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Tobacco	93 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
Union Pac	43 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
W. U.	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2
Wab. pr	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Wire	54 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2

Chicago Market

Opening			
Wheat, Sept.	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2
D. C., Sept.	71 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Com. July, Sept.	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Oct., July, Sept.	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Oats, July, Sept.	25 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2
Sept., July, Sept.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
For, July, Sept.	822 1/2	827 1/2	822 1/2
Sept., July, Sept.	845 1/2	847 1/2	842 1/2
Lard, July	510 1/2	510 1/2	507 1/2

THE GLORIOUS 4th

Is just one week away and every man and boy should prepare to celebrate in a fitting way. One can have so much more self respect and love of country when well clothed. The Cutting made clothing for men and boys has a strength of fabric and seam and a beauty of outline not found in the ordinary sort kind.

Men's \$5 Suits

Take in a very large range of seasonable suits, some just in, others odd lots, not a suit but is worth from \$1 to \$3 more.

Men's \$10 Suits

Include a remarkable range of styles, fabrics and real value for they include no end of \$12 and \$15 qualities and if you will take a little time getting a fit you will be well repaid.

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Thin coats of plain and fancy design in cotton, satteen alpaca and serge in great variety; style and comfort combined.

Special 25c Shirts.

Our special sale outing shirts at 25c takes in a big purchase of 50c shirts in the most popular outing shirt styles. All sizes 14 to 17.

Special 15c Neckwear.

Some 100 dozen 25c neckwear from our jobbing department is going rapidly at 15c or two for 25c. All shapes and good variety of patterns.

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Our stock in Elegant Wedding Presents is Complete and Reasonable.

We have also a new stock of Brooch Pins, Stick Pins, Shirt Waist Sets, Bracelets, Silk Buckles, Collar Buckles, Finger Rings, plain or set with Diamonds, Pearls, Opals, etc.

In Watches—all sizes and Prices—the best the market affords. Initials engraved on Silver Presents free.

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\$8 for choice

of about 150 suits. You know our reason; we cannot carry two stocks so this one must be gotten out of the way instead of putting in our big box for another season. These eight dollar suits are pure wool and mostly reduced from \$12, a few from \$15 and \$10, all sizes, 34 to 44. Stout sizes among them. Take a look at them if nothing more. Celebrate the Fourth with a new suit for yourself and boy.

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WILLIAMSTOWN.

DRUNKS ON THE STREET.

The Williamstown people never think of hearing drunks on the street at night after a celebration in North Adams, but it is quite an unusual thing to see two young ladies, if they can be called such, drive into town at night with a glorious edge on and disturb the whole village with their noise. This happened Monday night at nearly midnight. They drove in from East Main street and began to break-neck speed, dodging at the top of corners and laughing at the top of their voices. They were in front of the D. U. society house and talked with three young men from town. They said this was the slowest town they had struck. That they had driven from Bennington in the morning to see the president and had stopped at every place on their way down and could not get a drop to drink. But they said it was not so in North Adams, as they got all they wanted, which was quite evident. They asked where they could get something to eat and were directed to Spring street. One of the fellows offered to get in with them and show them the way but they would not let him drive. On reaching Spring street they found the restaurant closed and they started back down the sidewalk to East College down the drive down the steep bank to the road. The young man tried to get hold of the reins, as he expected to get his neck broken, but they were determined to do their own driving and he was very glad when they reached the bottom of the hill and he was allowed to get out. They then once more gave vent to their feeling and cursed the town for its inconveniences, and hitting their horse a cut with the whip they started for their home running their horse as fast as he could run. They were followed about town by two young men in a carriage from North Adams, who were evidently trying to make a mash, but were not very successful.

A son was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Walden of Spring street. Mrs. John A. Torrey returned yesterday from a short visit with friends in Petersburg, N. Y.

Harry Graves left town today for Boston where he will spend a two weeks' vacation.

James Harvey and wife left for Carletondale, Pa., yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Weatherbee who have been visiting in town for the past few weeks returned yesterday to their home in Newford Falls, Maine.

Several young ladies of town went to Buxton on a picnic this afternoon.

Mrs. Frederick Stanley of Bridgeport, Ct., is in town to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. John Goodrich, of New Street.

Miss Shoen of Middletown, Ct. has been at C. E. Smith's of Riverside, returned to her home yesterday.

Mrs. O. Rohrback of Riverside left for Saratoga, N. Y., where she will remain with friends for a few weeks.

Mrs. P. Smith has returned to her home in Hoosick, N. Y., after a short visit with friends in town.

Several Williams men are attending the Northfield convention.

Advertised letters at the Williamstown postoffice, Mrs. L. M. Van Alstyne, Grace Horton, Mrs. H. Irish, C. A. Hull, D. C. Millard, Mrs. Carl A. Miller, Mrs. Katherine Marvin, Eddie Stone, Mrs. May Woodhead, Henry Wright Peter Duffins, Mrs. Thomas George, Harry Wade Hicks, Edward Joyce, J. M. Southworth, Everett H. Pratt, Mrs. Thomas Preston.

Thomas Smith of Oak Hill broke his leg Monday while working in his barn. The leg was broken just above the ankle. Dr. Hull attended.

Marshall Saunders a well known and prosperous young farmer who lives near the four corners, will pick the last of his strawberries this week. He reports that he has had a fine crop and has been very successful with them. He will have picked at the end of the week about 10,000 baskets from about three acres of land. He has ten men picking for him at present. Mr. Saunders has made a success of the strawberry business this year and expects to enlarge his plant next year.

Business at the Fitchburg yard is very good at present. A new track is being laid to the coal dump, which will be a great convenience, as the engines will be able to run from the yard directly to the coal dump, and then back to the turning table, while at present they are obliged to first go to the turning table and return the same way. The Fitchburg company has once more secured the Swift refrigerator work, which was taken away from them some time ago because they did not make the required time. They are now running their cars from Rotterdam to Boston in seven hours.

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Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose stomach and liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful stomach and liver remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25c at Burlington & Darby's drug store.

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AN OLD STUN' WALL.

It is only now the backaches in an old stun' wall.
O Lordy me,
I'm seventy-three;
Begin among these bowlers, and I've lived here through it all.
I wasn't quite to lub's age there when dad commenced to clear
The wust of many acres with a hoss team and a steer,
And we've used the stuns' for fence, and we've built around the lot.
Oh, I've tugged and worked there, sonny, until, gracious me, I've got
And fairly groaned 'o' evenings with the twinges,
In my back, there wasn't no shirkin them days; it was tug and lift and sack,
For it needed lots of muscle, lots of grunting, lots of sand,
If a feller calculated for to clear a place of land,
Bub, it isn't any wonder that our backs has got a hump.
That our arms are stretched and awkward like, the handle on a pump,
That our hands are hard and calloused, that we wobble in our gait.
There's the reason right before you round the meadows in the state.
And I wonder sometimes, sonny, that we've any backs at all.
When I digger on the backaches in an Old Stun' Wall.

It is only now the backaches in an old stun' wall.
We read of men
Who with a pen
Have pried away the curses that have crushed us, us in their fall.
I don't begrudge them honor nor the splendor of their names,
For an average Yankee farmer hasn't any use for fame,
But the man who lifted curses and the man who lifted stones
Never'll bear a mite of difference in the Heaven's Father's tomes,
For I have the humble notion, bub, that when all kinds of men,
The chaps that pried with crowbar and the chaps that pried with pen,
Are waitin' to be measured for the things they've done below
The angel with the girth chain's bound to give us all fair show.
And the humble man who's tussled with the rocks of stubborn Maine
Won't find that all his labor has been thankless and in vain,
And while the wise and mighty get the glorious honors due,
The man who took the brunt of toil will be remembered too.
The man who bent his aching back will earn his crown, my child,
By the acres he made fertile and the miles of rocks he piled.
That ain't my whole religion, for I don't propose to shirk
What my duties are to heaven, but the gospel of hard work
Is a mighty solid bedrock that I've built on more or less.
I believe that God Almighty has it in his heart to bless
For the good they've left behind them rough old
Who have gone ahead and smoothed things out with the crowbar and the ax,
For if all our hairs are numbered and he notes the sparrow's fall,
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FOR THE FOURTH.

There will be a meeting of the citizens' executive committee for the Fourth of July celebration, Thursday evening. It will be an important meeting as the final preparations for the Fourth will be arranged. In connection with the grand display of fireworks the Fourth there will be set pieces, profiles of Major R. A. Whipple and Capt. H. O. Hicks.

The decorations now in town will be allowed to remain until after the fourth. Besides these it is expected that more decorations will be added. The present outlook is for the greatest celebration ever held in Western Massachusetts.

FOR ZYLONITE SCHOOL.

There is considerable talk about the new school house at Zylonite. That it is needed is not doubted, but the location is what seems to be the main thing. The Drake lot on the corner of Howard and Kipper avenues is without doubt the best place and would best suit the people of Zylonite. The lot may be bought for \$800. It is well located and would be a good place. It is hoped there will be a large attendance at the special town meeting called for Saturday afternoon, when the school and matters pertaining to it will be decided upon.

COMPANY M'S REUNION.

Company M of the Second regiment which served in Cuba during the war, will hold a reunion at the hotel in Savoy Saturday afternoon. They will go in teams from this town and leave here at 1 p. m. Only those who served in Cuba and a few friends will be present. They will take supper with Landlord Hoxie. The Harmonic quartet of Pittsfield and Reader John A. Howe of Albany have been engaged to furnish entertainment. The event promises to be a pleasant one.

CLASS OF '99 RECEPTION.

The class of '99 of the high school that graduated last Friday night, held their reception in Forest park pavilion Tuesday evening. It was one of the most successful social occasions held in town for some time. Mostly young people attended and there were about 125 couples dancing. Palmer's orchestra furnished music and received repeated encores. There were about 20 dances on the program. Many North Adams people were present.

SCHOOL TEACHER RESIGNED.

Miss Emily A. Randall, teacher at No. 5 Commercial street, has sent in her resignation to the school committee. She has accepted a position in the schools at Everett, which are nearer her home. She was a teacher of ability and was well liked by her scholars. She taught here several years and was very successful. Her many Adams friends wish her continued success in her new position.

Local members of the Elks attended a meeting of that order at North Adams Tuesday evening.

George O'Regan of Pittsfield visited friends here Tuesday.

Quite a number from this town will witness the Harvard-Yale boat race tomorrow.

Miss Anna Carney of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., attended the class of '99 reception at Forest park pavilion, Tuesday evening.

Miss Lillie of Park street has gone to Boston for a visit.

E. J. Nohr returned the boat races at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., this week.

Archer Bowen is home from Westfield for the summer.

Charles Scott has moved his family to North Adams.

J. S. Thompson of New York is in town.

Alex MacDonald of Troy, N. Y., is in town.

Miss N. Pauline Barrett of Pittsfield visited friends here Tuesday.

The regular monthly services of the League of the Sacred Heart will be held Friday. Confessions will be heard Thursday afternoon and evening.

Lawyer Harry Humphrey of Troy, N. Y., is visiting friends in town.

John Rouane of Randall street is driving a handsome bay mare, four years old, which was sent to him from Vermont to be trained. Mr. Rouane is a good horseman and proved his ability when he drove the Baker mare in her recent race at North Adams.

Germania band will give their regular band concert this evening.

The regular meeting of the Odd Fellows will be held this evening.

An important meeting of the Robert Emmet society will be held Sunday. Speakers from New York will be present and deliver addresses.

The farmers are beginning to cut the hay off their meadows. The best crops are being taken off the intervals.

LOST.

A fox terrier pup. Light brown spots on nose and back. Finder will be rewarded by returning the same to Mrs. M. Kane, Mill street, Adams.

FORMER RESIDENT OF ADAMS.

Dr. L. D. Andler, Proprietor Hotel Grout, Aiken, N. Y., Feels It Only Right to Explain the Matter.

The doctor says: Prior to my residence in Aiken I was engaged in the practice of my profession, that of dentistry, in Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass. continued ill health compelled me to unwillingly abandon my work there and seek a less confining occupation. For over a year I was a physical wreck from dyspepsia, liver and kidney trouble, constipation, headache, loss of appetite, heartburn and general debility. Was depressed and felt miserable. Eminent physicians and much medicine gave me no relief. Finally I took the remedy which put me right on my feet. One bottle of Curo Blood Tonic began to relieve me, and after two bottles all my symptoms disappeared and flesh and strength returned to me. I endorse and recommend Curo Blood Tonic with all my heart. It is a wonderful formula.

Regular 41 bottle of Curo Blood Tonic for \$60. For sale by Malone, the druggist, North Adams, Riley's Adams.

EXCURSION TO LAKE PLEASANT.

There is to be a great time at Lake Pleasant July 4th. A balloon ascension and parachute jump, athletic sports, good music and dancing, with a grand display of fireworks in the evening. Special trains will be run by the Fitchburg railroad and excursion tickets will be on sale at greatly reduced rates at all stations between Fitchburg and North Adams.

August Flower.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houton, "that in my travels in all parts of the world, for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy, for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach, and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for sour stomachs and indigestion. Same bottles free at drug stores of Burlington & Darby, P. J. Malone, T. C. Farley, Jas. H. Krum, Jr., North Adams, Mass., and Severance & Co., Williamstown, Mass.

Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

WILL STUDY ENTIRE WORLD.

Young Californian Continues a Five Years' Journey Around the Earth.

J. F. Anderson, a young Californian, left New York recently for the gulf to continue a five years' journey around the world. This is the third year. His object in traveling this way is to know his home country thoroughly before going abroad. He has visited 81 states already, and intends to visit the rest on his way to the gulf.

He started from Pomona, Cal., in 1897, in a small covered wagon, says the New York Journal, and went into Mexico. On May 20, 1897, he left the Mexican border and drove up through California. After attending the Christian Endeavor convention in San Francisco, in July, he drove through the timber regions of Oregon and Washington to the Canadian line, and spent the winter on Puget sound. On May 11 he left Seattle, crossing the Cascade mountains and the lava beds of Idaho, and entered Yellowstone park about the last of June.

While crossing the plains of South Dakota he traveled for several days without water and fuel. Passing through 81 states he reached New York, after riding 8,500 miles in a wagon. He sold the team and bought a bicycle, so he could resume the rest of the journey on this continent. After making a study of people in every section of this and other countries in the world Anderson will take a university course. He makes enough in the winter to pay for his summer travel. He has a small leather notebook that contains the postmarks of many of the towns and cities through which he has passed, including many hundreds of miles from any railroad.

Anderson will leave the gulf the early part of next year for London, where he intends to visit the Christian Endeavor convention. He will attend the Paris exposition. After that he will cross the Alps, and from Italy will go by water to Constantinople, and from there will traverse Asia Minor in much the same manner as in the west. In 1901 he will visit Egypt, India, China and Japan and return home by way of the newly acquired possessions in the Pacific.

THIRTY DOLLARS A FOOT.

What It Has Cost to Keep the Mississippi Within Its Banks.

Lieutenant Colonel Amos Stickney of the engineer corps is at the Hotel Imperial, in New York. Colonel Stickney is a member of the Mississippi river commission and president of the Missouri river commission. Consequently he has acquired much interesting information about these two rivers.

"It costs about \$30 a lineal foot," said the colonel the other evening to a New York Tribune reporter to keep the Mississippi river within its banks between Cairo and the gulf. Of course I don't mean to say that we have covered the ground. We have scarcely made a beginning, but the work which we have done has cost the government in the neighborhood of \$30 a lineal foot.

"Our method of making the banks secure and keeping the river from traveling all over the valley is to put down a continuous abutment of willow mattresses, covered with stones, to protect the bottom of the river, and to cover the bank from the low water mark up with loose stone. It is the great depth of the Mississippi river in places which makes the operation so expensive. The Missouri river is not so deep, and the cost of protecting its banks is only about \$7 a lineal foot. Here, too, there is a tremendous amount of work that has been left undone because congress will not make sufficiently large appropriations to carry it out. We are now testing a new press of abutment, which is proved thoroughly satisfactory so far, and which is much less expensive than the other method. All the money spent by the commissions is well spent. Land along the Missouri river where we have put in work has doubled in value because of it."

WOMAN CAPTURED AN EAGLE.

Mrs. Brishin Threw Her Skirt Over It and Carried It Home.

News has reached Manchester, N. H., of a combat between an eagle measuring seven feet across the wings and a woman at Elkins, N. H., which resulted in the capture of the king of birds.

Mrs. Louie Brishin heard an outcry, as though a child was in distress, near her home, and going in the direction of the noise discovered what she took to be a large bird floundering about in a bunch of low bushes. Gathering up her skirts, she pounced upon the bird, threw her dress skirt over it and then seized it firmly with her hands. The bird fought furiously, tearing Mrs. Brishin's clothing with his talons, but by squeezing him hard and thereby giving him no opportunity to strike the woman carried the bird to the house, says the New York World.

She summoned her neighbors to see if they knew what sort of a bird it was, and was more than astonished to learn that she had captured an eagle. The laws of New Hampshire provide for a fine of \$40 if any person shall kill an American or baldheaded eagle, but as the bird was not killed Mrs. Brishin has secured the consent of the governor of the state to keep him.

Know All About Cinnamons.

The soldiers of the army of the United States are experts on climate whose testimony would go in any court.—Los Angeles Express.

WHERE NEITHER MOTH NOR RUST CORRUPT.

Heradventure in the years to be. You cannot afford to narrow needs of me as the world widens to you—even though Life touch you with indifference as you go—No longer hand in hand and heart to heart, Should we be borne apart, Thrust far asunder in the hurrying press, Even so I shall not fare companionless. I mid the last late loiterers wandering slow, With weary, equal pace, The silence of the sunset on my face— The sunset spacious and low— With tired feet in the dew, Lifting mine eyes where you are, Far in the forefront of the peasant ride, Mated in the splendors of your strength and pride.

You yet another you, Yourself as verily—as his choice to mine, Late inarticulate eloquence divine With babbling call and coo.

The small dove ventured head, Golden and faint, Pale as the anemone of a child's smile, Dear as a tender thought of one long dead, The innocent eyes, the sweet little mouth—

These, though the world went mourning for your sake, Not the sheer tomb could take.

The sweet eyes plead, the fluttering hands implore, The frail arms cling as fondly as before The strange years worked their will.

Child of my heart, though change and time divide, Me and your later semblance, you abide! However time may devastate or fulfill, Fate, incorruptible, shall my treasure hide, Borne on my breast, light patterning at my side, The thin ghost finger—

—Besmiling Marriot Watson in Harper's Magazine.

WHALEN'S LUCK.

Whalen's luck was copious, and it became proverbial. The facts here recorded are but specimen pages from the book of his experience.

When the Consolidated Canal company went into insolvency, its assets consisted of a mortgaged right of way through the sagebrush and several completed but detached sections of a big ditch.

Mr. Brick Whalen, the contractor on section 8, had finished the heavy work there and was preparing to move camp to section 6 when the company went broke. It was, in fact, upon the very day the suspension was posted that Whalen, having had his contract work inspected, took the engineer's certificate up to headquarters to get his check. He received instead a statement that the company was in temporary difficulties and an assurance that it would soon resume.

Whalen had before this worked for shabby corporations. He knew better and lost no time in acting on his knowledge.

"No good howlin over a broken pipe or tryin to save the pieces," he told himself. "This gang of 40 men he said: 'B'ys, the company's broke and so I can't pay you, and I can't feed you. You got to rustle.'"

"What's the matter with us taking the mules?" said one.

"Them mules and scrapers don't belong to me, as I've often told you," said Whalen, whose custom it was to refer to a legendary backer. "This ditching outfit is the property of Martin of San Francisco, and any man that meddles with it will get the sheriff after him."

"I'll take one, just the same," said Shorty, "and tell Martin he can have him again when my wages is paid. That's about fair."

A few others took the same view of the equities involved and took mules, to which Whalen made only a wordy resistance. Most of the men were induced to accept orders on the defunct company for the amount due them, payable with large interest. "And if you don't get it very soon the interest will double your money," said Whalen.

When the last man had gone, Whalen went out to the corral and counted the mules. "Forty-one head. That was a pretty close call," said he.

It was late in the season to find another job of scraping, but the mules could not live on sagebrush and were at once started for the railroad. On a small stream where camp was made one night a band of trail sheep was also camped. Whalen eyed them disdainfully.

"I see the beggars eat sage," said he. "Why, certainly," replied the sheep man. "That's the finest kind of feed for 'em."

"I wish your mules would do that," said Brick. "I never was so near a sheep in my life," he continued. "The smell of 'em a mile away is enough for me. Funny little fellows, and they look some like mules with ears and tails cut off. What do you do with them?"

"Double our money on them every 12 months," was the reply.

No extended description of sheep farming would have impressed the fancy of the veteran mule skinner, but "double your money" was his own familiar phrase for describing any hopeful venture, and on that evening he smoked many pipes of black plug over it. A brute that can thrive on a brush diet and double your money every year is an interesting creature.

At daybreak Whalen was in the sheep camp negotiating a trade of sheep for mules on a basis of 50 to 1 and prepared to accept much less. Three days later he sat in the door of the shack which had long done duty as mess house on section 8 of the canal, as many an evening before he had sat watching the mules come in from water. Tonight there was never a mule in sight. Down the breeze came a pungent odor and a tinkling of little bells. Over the crest of an adjacent hill appeared the flock, browsing on the rank sage.

"They do look some like mules," he soliloquized, "and I'll bet I'm the only Irishman in America ever owned a herd of sheep."

Winter came and passed, and the only Irishman prospered. By roofing in a out with brush he had commodious sheds, and cross sections of poles divided the broad ditch into as many corrals as he chose. The sheep were fat and carried heavy fleeces.

Whalen had for help two boys who had wandered there and asked for work. He had proposed to hire one of them, but the boys protested that they had never been separated, and that if they got jobs at different ranches "the other one wouldn't know where the other one was," a contingency which they could not abide. So Whalen offered to take the two at the price of one, and on that basis they shared with him the shack, herded the flock and cooked the grub. They soon knew as much or as little about sheep as Brick himself, and the proprietor found opportunity to break the monotony of camp life by

occasional trips to the railroad and once to San Francisco.

"I'm going to see my friend Martin," he told the boys. "Now, tend to business and don't let any get away." And the boys gave their word that not one should escape.

During Whalen's absence in the city he went out of the sheep business even more abruptly than he went into it the previous autumn. The instruction to the boys was fulfilled to the letter. Not any got away.

It happened on a hot day in June when, contrary to the usual custom, the boys brought the flock to camp and the shade of sheds at noontime. It never rains in that arid region, but sometimes pours. This was one of those times. Charged with ice and water, a great black cloud came drifting down the wind and emptied out its load upon the camp and the hillside above it. The canal, curving around its base, formed an eave trough for the whole mountain and poured several thousand inches of water into Whalen's improvised sheep sheds. The flood very soon subsided, but when the cloud had passed and the sun again shone forth there were no living sheep. Not many minutes are required to drown a rat in a hole.

Meanwhile the boys, greatly frightened by the sudden storm and with no thought for the safety of the flock, were in the shack. The hail pounded and the wind shook it. Water covered the floor. "Pray, Billy," said the one on the barrel.

"No; you do it," he answered from the table top.

The shack had no window, and with the door closed it was pretty dark in there. When Whalen reached home two hours later, the floor was still wet and the boys were yet roosting on table and barrel, but outside, in the bright sunlight, the ground appeared already almost dry. A solitary goat stood upon the shed roof. He had been among the sheep in the pen.

"You can't keep a good man down any more than you can a goat," was Brick's comment on the catastrophe.

While Whalen was working the boys double time at pulling the wool from the dead sheep he had the happy thought of stocking his ranch with bees. Having money enough from the proceeds of his wool sale to buy 100 stands, he promptly carried the thought into effect.

Again he sat down in the door of his shack to "double his money." "This is better than sheep," said he, "for they berds themselves. And they are like mules in one thing—you are liable to get hurt if you fool with 'em."

This wave of prosperity broke up as soon as former ones had done, for he had imported a bad case of foul brood, and within a year the hundred swarms had perished out. When we went down there last summer in the interest of a new company which has taken up the work of completing the canal, Whalen gathered the bones out of the old shed in the cut and hauled them to the railroad, where he sold them for fertilizer, realizing enough to buy two more mules.

With his four mule team he is at work in the ditch for day's wages. Somewhat grizzled now, and not so brisk red of hair and whisker as formerly, he is happy as over and sanguine that he will double his money.

"Here's hoping" that he may.—G. B. Dunham in San Francisco Argonaut.

Barriers' Fees.

Barriers' fees in England are a variable quantity. As viewed in a solicitor's bill of costs they look somewhat mysterious. A barrister's guinea (\$5.25) is always £1 3s. 6d. (\$8.87); 2 guineas (\$10.50) are invariably £2 7s. (\$11.75), and so on. This is explained by the fact that he charges a supplementary fee for his clerk at the rate of 2s. 6d. (62 cents) for every guinea he earns. No fee is less than a guinea. An unwritten law, dating from the time when the guinea was a coin of the realm, decrees that barristers must not accept silver. One transgression of this rule is recorded. A somewhat impetuous member of the profession accepted a few shillings as payment from a poor client. He was promptly called before the bench of the inn to explain. His plea was that if he did not take gold he at least took all the man had got, whereas he was at once honorably acquitted. It was impossible to cavil at such a worthy upholding of all the traditions of the profession. Like physicians, barristers cannot recover their dues at law. The fee is supposed to be an "honorarium" which was not expected. There is a quaint survival of the alleged sensitiveness of barristers about fees. In their gowns may still be noticed a sort of long, narrow pocket arrangement, hanging down at the back of the left shoulder. Its occupation is gone now, but in the old time it was the recognized receptacle for the guineas which were supposed to be dropped surreptitiously by the client. Very different is the brazen affront of these days, when eminent pleaders will calmly demand their 50 guineas "retainer" to induce them even to look at the proffered brief.—New York Mail and Express.

Fit and Fought.

One would have thought this an Americanism, but I find it in Garrick's "Miss in Her Teens," where Tag says to Flash: "Oh, pray let me see you fight! There were two gentlemen fit yesterday," etc. (act 2).—Notes and Queries.

Beauty in Woman.

I once knew a man who was considered a great connoisseur in feminine good looks, and he annoyed me by refusing to see any beauty; in one or two girls I considered very pretty. At last, in mild exasperation, I turned to him and asked him what he thought constituted beauty in a woman. He answered, "A pretty hand, a sweet voice and spirit in the eye."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Quite As Fair.

"Is cannibalism common among you?" inquired the stranger apprehensively. "Common?" said the Pacific island belle as she coyly dug her toe into the sand. "Not at all. We consider it very recherche."—Washington Star.

Wanted to Know, You Know.

Mr. Henpeck—Is my wife going out, Eliza? Eliza—Yes, sir.

Mr. Henpeck—Do you happen to know whether I'm going out with her?—Fleegande Blatter.

Completed the Combination.

"I once bought a \$13 vest on Friday." "Did it bring you bad luck?" "Oh, no; I broke the hoodoo by never paying for the vest."—Indianapolis Journal.

A Rush.

Thug—Say, is it true this here electrocution is painless?

Prison Warden—Yes; but you'll have to come early to avoid the rush.—New York Weekly.

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CRUISE UP A LUZON RIVER.

Insurgents Put in Flight by Converted Gunboats.

THE MANY RIVERS ABOUT MANILA.

How a Bamboo Barricade Was Forced and Its Defenders Driven Away During a Voyage of Exploration. Opening Fire With the Gatlings. Welcomed by the Natives.

It looks like an immense toad, this gunboat, the Laguna de Bay. It is a wide, flat structure, with the old fashioned side paddle wheels to push it along through the dirty waters of the river. Liberal coats of lead colored American war paint give the vessel anything but the appearance of a terror striking boat of war, yet the belligerent Filipinos run like mad for shelter when they see this ugly looking bulk splashing through the water toward their villages on the banks of lake or stream. They have discovered that the heightened sides of the old steamboat are made of sheet steel, and that through the portholes there bark all manner of fiendish guns. The Laguna de Bay comes in the class known in the navy as converted. Armed with four Gatlings, two 3 inch guns and two Hotchkiss guns, the Laguna de Bay has made quite a record in conquering the territory along the Pasig river and the big lagoon, says the Manila correspondent of the New York Sun, writing under date of May 9.

After ten days of overhauling, refitting, coaling and painting the prow of the Laguna de Bay was turned down stream early on Sunday morning. May 7, to test her prowess in new waters. The Covadonga, a recently captured insurgent gunboat of light draft, fell in behind and completed the squadron, which whistled for right of way in the big Pasig river and bounced out on the waves of Manila bay. The big white Oregon loomed up in all its glory of whiteness in the early morning sunlight, and alongside lay the majestic Olympia, the craft of the monarch of the bay. Major Grant of the Utah Light artillery, commander of the gunboat, on his errand to test the war floating in the heart of the Pampanga province, probably felt his importance fully as much as did Admiral Dewey on another Sunday morning a year earlier.

The Rio Pasig empties into Manila bay in a corner about due northwest from the city of Manila. A Filipino pilot, a member of the Macabebe tribe, which is at peace with the Americans, and an old map were Major Grant's means of finding the mouth of the river which he wished to enter and navigate. It takes a good navigator to strike the river he wants in Manila bay, for hundreds of estuaries cut up the land to the north of Manila. Some of these lead in to rivers and some end, like many of the streets of Manila, in a blind terminal. In these little waterways it is impossible for any number of craft to hide away. A certain Spanish firm in Manila boasts of the fast of one of its vessels, which entered Manila bay after hostilities opened in May, 1898, and to escape being captured made its way from Corregidor entirely around the edge of the bay to Malabon, keeping out of sight by sailing up the many little rivers and estuaries, thus working its way around, virtually by land.

Before we reached the mouth of the Pasig river we realized how easy it has been for the insurgents to pass from their battle lines into Manila and out again without fear of detection. Sailing down these rivers in innocent looking bancas, or canoes, it has been possible for them to paddle innocently across Manila bay and enter the city with as much composure as if they belonged there. The cruise of Major Grant's squadron into the river Pasig showed that the river is more easily navigable than the Pasig river, which flows past Manila and connects with the heart of the insurgent country. It was also discovered that the insurgents expected the Americans to make their primary advances into their country by way of this river instead of from Calocan. From observations made during this Sunday it was evident that this plan might have been carried out with ease and with much less loss of life than resulted in the long rushes by land to Malolos.

The Filipinos had erected a weak barricade a short distance from the mouth of the river. Bamboo poles had been driven into the river bed in such manner as to reach out both directions to head off craft attempting to go either way. This barricade was covered by a line of trenches on the bank. Major Grant decided to disable these before attempting to pass the blockade. The Laguna de Bay and Covadonga came to a standstill and suddenly opened up in all their fury. Gatling guns rattled and 7 pounders hurled their howling missiles at the trench line. In 20 minutes the intruders were evacuated. The Covadonga tried a small open place in the barricade and got through. The Laguna de Bay followed, crushing the bamboo poles as if they were straws.

Speed was put on and the exploration of the river began. It was fully 400 feet from bank to bank, and the bends in the stream were delightfully easy to navigate. The lead line showed a generous depth. The banks of the stream are covered with heavy growths of the nipa, the material from which Filipino roofs are manufactured. A deserted village, built partially in the stream, was passed. The inhabitants had heard the firing at the barricade and cared not to remain. With that equanimity which has marked the actions of all fighting Americans, the crews of both gunboats sat down to dinner while a small detail steered the craft along the tortuous course and looked for the 500 Filipino soldiers which a native in a canoe at the mouth of the river told us were there.

It has become an established fact in this war that the Filipino will seldom fire a shot, when he is intrenched, until the enemy is fairly within short range. Major Grant had just lighted his after dinner cigar when the lookouts reported the enemy. A bend in the river had brought a handsome line of earthworks into view, and in plain sight was a row of Filipino sombreros. The wearers were waiting to try conclusions with

the river monsters with their guns. These trenches marked the beginning of the village of Scaaman, which stretches along the left bank of the stream for a mile.

"Open with the Gatlings," commanded Major Grant, and the Gatlings opened.

The row of bats went down as if each had been hit with a brick. Back came a shower of Mauser bullets, which rained and pattered against the iron sides of the boats. It needed no more orders. Those of the 50 men on the Laguna de Bay who were not needed in working the Gatling guns and the 3 inch marine guns, seized their rifles and joined in the grand roar over the side of the vessel. Straight into the teeth of the tempest the Laguna de Bay led the way, a roaring, rattling, smoking hulk. She swept close to the bank and made the turn in the river. The Filipino shooting grew weaker and weaker and finally stopped. The gunboats fairly combed out the nipa huts as they went along up the river toward the village of Guagua (pronounced "Waw-waw"), which could be seen in the distance. A column of smoke was seen to rise from the center of the town, and we knew the insurgents there had given up the struggle before it had begun, and following the rule laid down by Aguinaldo, fired their town before deserting.

No shots of resistance were sent from Guagua, and here the cruise of the boats ended. MacArthur's infantry and artillery division was known to be at San Fernando, four miles farther up the river, but it was deemed unwise to attempt navigation beyond this point. The marines landed and explored the burning town. Natives began to return in groups of twos and threes bearing the white flag. Presently the governor of the Pampanga province discovered himself and asked aid in putting out the fire in his residence. In return for the aid the soldiers gave him he gave the information that he had left, to test her prowess in new waters. The Covadonga, a recently captured insurgent gunboat of light draft, fell in behind and completed the squadron, which whistled for right of way in the big Pasig river and bounced out on the waves of Manila bay. The big white Oregon loomed up in all its glory of whiteness in the early morning sunlight, and alongside lay the majestic Olympia, the craft of the monarch of the bay. Major Grant of the Utah Light artillery, commander of the gunboat, on his errand to test the war floating in the heart of the Pampanga province, probably felt his importance fully as much as did Admiral Dewey on another Sunday morning a year earlier.

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I know not what record of sin awaits me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was so mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.—John A. Andrew.

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WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY

From seal of the city of North Adams.

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THE FIGHTING MAJOR.

Major R. A. Whipple of Adams is to do his share in refuting the assertions of those who declared the government could not find men to enlist for service in the Philippines. The major announces to day that he has prepared plans for forming an independent company from members of the Second, Sixth and Ninth Massachusetts Volunteer militia. It is understood that the major had an interview with President McKinley just before the president's departure for Washington, and it is believed the president knows and approves the major's plans. The major is a good and fearless soldier. He has his share of the glories of the Cuban war and the men whom he will now gather around him are men who have faced the Spaniard. Here's wishing success to the major, and hoping that northern Berkshire will have a fun-ton of its own!

THE SELF GOVERNMENT PLAN

The old theory of independence for the Philippines under a government by Aguinaldo and under the protection of the United States is being brought to the front again, no doubt because it looks as if some kind of a hearing will be given it now since the talk of more troops for the Philippines is at present taking an uppermost position. The theory is being supported by testimony to prove that the Filipinos are undoubtedly capable of self government under that "remarkable man" Emilio Aguinaldo.

It is necessary that an important distinction should be made. It is not necessary to prove that the Filipinos are incapable of self-government to justify the American policy, yet it must not be forgotten that there is as much testimony to prove them incapable as to prove them capable. We must leave the Filipino capacity for government out of the question at present and fix our minds on the facts as they present themselves in the Philippines. Whether or no the Filipinos are capable of self-government, we may be sure that if left to themselves when Spain's authority was destroyed in the islands, Aguinaldo would have been at the head of the government and would have been dictator no matter what form of government would have been established. In fact we have undisputed testimony that the provisional government Aguinaldo set up on his return to the islands was a family dictatorship. We have such testimony from Schurman and Dewey. All students of the situation remember Schurman's description of how Aguinaldo sent armed bands to every town in Luzon and forced allegiance and tribute to his government. Dewey has emphatically stated that Aguinaldo's government was unquestionably despotic.

Now, if the United States withdrew from the Philippines there would be no manner of doubt that the islanders would fall under a new despotism as crushing and as stunting as the old. The Filipino government would be a government by Aguinaldo and for Aguinaldo. Consider how Aguinaldo has conducted himself toward the islanders of which he professes to be a patriot. No one will say that he did not at one time sell himself and the Filipino cause to Spain. This fact alone, leaving out of account many other facts connected with this "remarkable man," is sufficient to decide the American government against Aguinaldo governing the Philippines. What guarantee could the American government have that Aguinaldo, once in power in the islands, would not sell their sovereignty to Germany or some other power? It is all very well to say that the United States could maintain a Monroe doctrine in the far east with reference to the Philippines, but what nation would be under obligations to recognize this fiction. The Philippine islands established as an independence, and recognized by the powers as such, would be free to do with themselves as they saw fit. Aguinaldo would be the Philippines, and who puts trust in him?

In discussing absolute independence for the Philippines we must distinguish between their self-government and government by Aguinaldo. Government by Aguinaldo is what the United States is opposed to. It is Aguinaldo the American government is fighting,

not the Filipinos. Those who talk of self government for the Philippines with Aguinaldo at the government's head talk nonsense, and they know it.

Mayor Cady proved himself quite an orator Monday.

Germany tells Russia that she will have none of the disarmament scheme, and so the Czar's little game is off.

The big question now is whether Pingree is an administration man or Alger a Pingree man. Anyway Alger is in hot water.

Chamberlain wants England to get after Oom Paul at once. The Transvaal government, he thinks, is a putrid spot in South Africa.

It is hoped that the majority of Major Whipple's company will be from Adams and North Adams. We want to look upon it as our men.

The reports of yesterday's little brushes leave the impression that the Defender objects to having the Columbia run away from her. The new boat's lead of a minute and a half over the old boat in an hour's sailing should make the Defender's partisans feel quite proud.

Near to 5000 Cubans have accepted the United States bounty. It is figured that there were not over 20,000 men in the whole Cuban army. A quarter of this number has received the money, and it is estimated that not one per cent of the whole number will fail to claim the bounty.

The Springfield Union prints two pages of fac-simile signatures of leading men of Western Massachusetts endorsing President McKinley's national policy. We are glad to note that northern Berkshire is well represented in the list. All the prominent men of North Adams seem to stand up at once to endorse McKinley. The greater beauty is that the common people, who do not swing attractive signatures, are behind McKinley too. Let us not forget them.

"On the battlefield, along the firing line, and in the camps and hospitals I heard the rank and file of our brave soldiers inveigh against the effect of this agitation of the enemy: from the mouths of not only Admiral Dewey and General Otis, but Generals MacArthur, Anderson, Hale, Lawton, and Brigadier General Otis, Colonels Smith of California and Summers of Oregon, aside from scores of other army and navy officers, I heard the opinion expressed in no uncertain terms that the most encouraging influence for the Filipinos in fighting us, and hence the most unfortunate one for our soldiers and sailors to combat, was the spreading of the sentiment and ideas through the ranks of the Filipino army and among the masses of the natives that our occupation of the islands was unwarranted, the war unprovoked, our army and navy unsupported by our people, and our country about to demand the withdrawal of our forces from the islands, the hauling down of the flag, and our complete and ignominious withdrawal from our responsibilities."—Ex-Minister Barrett.

Keep a Steppin' to De Band.

If you want to make connection in a heavenly direction
When yo' hea' de halleluyah trumpet sound,
Yo' hab got to keep a walkin', keep yo' feet fo'ber knockin',
Got to keep 'em patti' juba on de ground.
If yo' laigs dey git a achin' an' yo' knees dey git a shakin',
An' yo' craw's runnin' mighty short ob sand,
An' yo' eyes dey git a leakin', 'doan yo' nevah, nevah weaken—
Keep a steppin' to de music ob de band.

Poom-pah poom-pah poom-pah poom-pah,
Lissen to de ol' bass ho'n,
It's a gwine to be a tootin'
When de planets am a shootin'
An' a bustin' on de resurrection mo'n,
It's a tellin' yo' to hurry
An' to nevah, nevah worry
Marchin' upwa'd to de happy prom- is land,
But yo' got to keep a goin',
Keep a heelin' an' a toein',
To de music ob de halleluyah band.

When de resurrection thundeh splits creation all asunder,
An' de lightning am a flashin' in de sky,
When de watahs ob de ocean git into a wild commotion,
An' de buzzards to de wildernesses fly,
Ask de bressed Lawd to guide yo, fo' to come an' ma'ch beside yo',
Fo' to hurry down an' take yo' by de hand;
Doan yo' nevah, nevah faith, keep a clingin' to de atah,
An' a steppin' to de music ob de band.

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—Denver Evening Post.

Massachusetts Girls.
Five Brockton girls have organized a society to bring hesitating young men to the proposing point, says the *Lewis-ton (Me.) Journal*. It should be borne in mind that Massachusetts is the state with more than 70,000 surplus women, and if a girl intends to marry in that state she has to plan her campaign.

Tennessee Nerve and Skill.
A Giles county citizen, according to the *Nashville Banner*, is reported to have carried a bushel of eggs in a meal sack on horseback to Aspen Hill, Tenn., without breaking an egg.

MEN'S SUMMER STYLES.

Fashions That Will Be In Vogue This Year.

SOME NOVELTIES OF THE SEASON.

Newest Dress Shirts Have Wide Bosoms and Two Buttonholes—Three Forms of Collars Now Used—New Fad in Underwear—Latest Styles in Golf and Bicycle Costumes.

It very frequently happens that the summer girl overshadows the summer man, not in importance—far from that, as he is the most important item in the whole campaign. He is dressed for, longed for and squabbled for. He is overshadowed in the matter of clothes. Those who cater to men and model their fashions are not held in such high esteem as those who do the same thing for the fair sex. Indeed men are considered just a wee bit above the frivolities of dress, and yet, if the truth were known, many of them are more finicky and fussy about the set of their coats and trousers than the average woman.

These "lords of creation" have just as many infinitesimal changes in the cut of their trousers, the length of their coats, the twist of their scarfs, the brims of their hats, the shape of their shoes and the color of their shirts as have their female relations. And these little differences, so slight in themselves as to be imperceptible to the uninitiated, are so marked to the well informed man that he can detect a past fashion in a glance. Therefore it behooves those who would cater to the well groomed man to inquire into and then set forth some of the novelties of the season for his reading as well as devoting pages to the information of his womankind.

For this season, according to the *New York Herald*, the newest dress shirts have wide bosoms and two buttonholes. The cuffs are attached. Gray suede gloves are still worn, though the preference now seem to be given to dark tan. In handkerchiefs blue linen with narrow hemstitched border and embroidered initial is en vogue for the perfectly dressed man. For business wear the ever favorite double breasted sack coat is the style. The waistcoat should match. If a single breasted coat is worn, the trousers must match; if a double breasted coat the trousers may be of different material. A derby must be worn with this costume.

Colored shirts with cuffs attached are good form for morning wear, but the collar must be of white linen. The Ascot, four-in-hand or "once over" tie is used with this costume. The shoes are of russet or calf laced. For evening wear the little dinner jacket or tuxedo is used for informal occasions. Twill silk roll collars will be made on this jacket, and a pique waistcoat is usually worn with it. White twill silk waistcoats also promise to be popular. Three forms of collar are now used—the straight stand up, the stand up with rounded corners, the points of which are turned, and the round pointed double upright.

The golf jacket for this year is green, which many consider not altogether an improvement on the old scarlet jacket, which lent such a touch of color to the links. Golf knickers are made tighter at the knee and less baggy over the hips than formerly. Thick stockings of green tartan plaid are worn, and gaiters are no longer en vogue. Low shoes are better for outdoor sports than ordinary walking shoes.

From London the information comes to us that there is no change in the shape of top hats this year. They are still slightly bell shaped, with the leaf somewhat less curled than last year. The prince wears a broader leaf than is commonly seen and flatter in the rim than last year. Frock coats are very much worn in the west end at present, but when the weather gets warmer open morning coats are to be the thing. The prince's heavy overcoats have velvet cuffs, but that fashion has not found favor, being of French importation.

A new fad in underwear is the knee length "pants." This abbreviated style is destined to "fill a long felt want" with wheel and golf devotees. The innovation bids fair to revolutionize the trade. Its advocates reason that there is relatively no more use for a "continuous performance" on the legs than on the arms in hot weather.

Black silk and satin broad end ties, with plain band and artistically embroidered ends, are much affected. Some new effects in rumchunda neckerchiefs are now used to complete man's outfit for the gentler sports. They are worn as sashes. Bicycle hose this year is of the unobtrusive class. Fancy ties are still proper, but the colors and designs are quieter and neater.

All bicycle trousers are made with cuffs which button at the side, but these are now made of the same material as the body of the garment. Full suits of the same material are not worn by the makers of fashion, but light trousers with a fancy check or plaid are the thing, with a sack coat of solid dark color. The stylish shoe is laced low, but not so extremely as before, the tops being above the ankles. This style not only prevents the accumulation of sand and small stones in the shoes, but also conceals the connection between the footless riding shoe and the ordinary socks. Coats are cut on the ordinary lines of those worn during business hours and can be either square or round cornered.

With the dark coats and light trousers a light hat is worn. An effort was made to do away with the bicycle cap and substitute the fedora, but the attempt has not met with much approval, owing to the extra weight and consequent heat of the felt. The best dressed riders still wear the caps and have them to match the trousers.

CYCLONE TWISTS.

The cyclone season is affording a conclusive vindication of the cave dwellers.—*Milwaukee Sentinel*.

It appears that an Iowa cyclone which overlooks anything on its way goes back to pick it up.—*Detroit Journal*.

It was a commercial traveler who photographed a tornado recently at King'sley, Ia. Seeing the commercial traveler in its path, the tornado naturally hesitated for an instant, and in that instant it was fixed upon the dry plate.—*Boston Globe*.

MATRON AND MAID.

Miss Adelaide Neilson began life as a nurse.

Ex-Empress Eugenie is said to be a victim of the tea habit and to drink 30 or 40 cups a day.

The late Mrs. Catherine M. White of Chicago bequeathed \$200,000 to the Art Institute of that city.

Consuelo, Duchess of Marlborough, takes a two mile spin on her bicycle every morning before breakfast.

It is said that at the death of Betty Green \$1,000,000 of her fortune will be divided among 100 distant connections.

Mrs. George Gould's children are looked after by a head nurse, two assistants, two governesses, two grooms and two footboys.

Lady Violet Dazell, one of the new London debutantes, has a fondness for snakes. She has a score, each of which answers to its name when called.

Julia Ward Howe, describing the New York life of her childhood 70 years ago, says everybody rose early, breakfasting at 7:30 in the summer and 8 in the winter.

Miss Joan Wilson, now betrothed to Guy Fairfax, will have a dowry of \$100,000 a year. She was engaged for a few months to the young Duke of Manchester.

Without ignoring the demands of society, Miss Elsie W. Clews, daughter of the New York banker, has found time to win the degree of doctor of philosophy from Columbia college.

During V. J. Bryan's recent speech at Glasgow, Ky., Mrs. Bryan fell asleep, whereupon her little daughter Ruth began pinching her arm, crying: "Wake up, ma! Pa's making a real good speech."

Miss Ruth Putnam is to succeed Miss M. Carey Thomas, now president of Bryn Mawr college, as one of the members of the board of trustees of Cornell university. She will be only the second woman to receive this honor.

Mrs. M. Eva Williams of Binghamton, N. Y., is now the grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of the state of New York. The order includes over 100 lodges and about 20,000 women members. She succeeds Miss Daisy Butterick.

Mrs. Emmons Blaine has filed in Chicago an individual personal property schedule for \$1,563,000. Since she is by no means the wealthiest resident of Chicago, though her schedule is the largest yet filed, her action is being pointed to as an example for wealthy tax dodgers.

PERT PERSONALS.

James Jeffries says he is an "American born and bred." So was Sitting Bull.—*Troy Press*.

There is a suspicion in some quarters that Gomez is giving a series of Patti farewells.—*Indianapolis News*.

Hazen S. Pingree can't retire from Michigan politics because there wouldn't be anything left.—*Detroit Tribune*.

De Wolf Hopper has married again. De Wolf loses no time in running the matrimonial lawn mower over his grass widowhood.—*Louisville Post*.

It begins to look as if all further progress of the American people in the world may have to be made without encouragement from Mr. Rudyard Kipling.—*Milwaukee Sentinel*.

Embassador Choate's suppression of the English book containing his hon mots is his biggest triumph in diplomacy so far. He can now continue to work them off as brand new on the unsuspecting Britons.—*Boston Herald*.

Mrs. Amelia E. Barr was the mother of 15 children before she ever wrote a book. This would seem sufficient to open a small niche in the gallery of fame for Mr. Amelia E. Barr, yet the world has never heard of him.—*Denver Post*.

FIGHTING FILIPINOS.

Perhaps it is just as well that we did not undertake to whip the Filipinos first and Spain afterward.—*Philadelphia Ledger*.

"Sweeping the country" in the Philippines is much like dusting in the face of the wind—the dirt comes back again.—*Indianapolis News*.

Advices from Manila indicate that the Filipino troops have unlearned the Spanish style of fighting and picked up the American with unpleasant promptness.—*Philadelphia Ledger*.

It is the general impression that the situation in the islands, instead of improving, is growing decidedly graver and that we have a long and stubbornly contested campaign ahead of us.—*New Orleans Picayune*.

There is good fighting in the Philippines, but the report cabled to this country after each battle that the insurgents are demoralized and about to give up the ghost is possessed of a "chestnutty" flavor. The swartzy warriors have quit fighting too often.—*Memphis Commercial-Appeal*.

POULTRY POINTERS.

Do not keep food before the hens continually. Leghorns and Brahmas do not thrive together.

A yellow leg and skin do not always indicate quality.

While sunflower seed is good for egg production, care must be taken not to feed too much at a time.

It is claimed that the first chickens hatched in a brood are the easiest to fatten; so are the ones with shortest legs.

It is a good plan to put out two turkey hens at once. In this way they afford a double protection, as each is on the lookout.

Ducks may be picked regularly four times a year, but the long tufts of feathers on the sides that support the wings should not be plucked.

Scalded wheat bran in the morning, whole wheat or oats at noon and whole corn at night make a good variety of rations for fowls during the summer. This may be varied with sunflower seed or Kafir corn.—*St. Louis Republic*.

TOWN TOPICS.

New York has a "tea saloon," and of course it is conducted on moral grounds.—*Omaha World-Herald*.

New York proudly rounds out a century of progress by giving prize fights under police protection.—*Chicago Record*.

Chicago has a phonetic spelling movement, having given up all hope of ever catching on to the dictionary way.—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

Cleveland is going to have her streets cleaned after a long period of dirt and filth. What would the people of Akron say if our streets were to be cleaned just once?—*Akron Beacon-Journal*.

Chicago has overcome unsanitary conditions by laborious, expensive, continuous improvement. Philadelphia has created unsanitary conditions by willful and stupid neglect.—*Philadelphia Record*.

A few years ago the people of Philadelphia put a statue of William Penn upon their city hall, and now they have erected a bronze figure of Benjamin Franklin. It is thought that by hard hustling the Philadelphiaian may yet succeed in getting up to the nineteenth century before the twentieth begins.—*Chicago Times-Herald*.

THE TROTTING RECORD.

John Oberholzer, Norristown, Pa., has converted Lady Rysdyk to the trotting gait.

Prim Clara is in training once more. In 1917 he took a yearling race record of 2:26.

Asker, 2:08 1/4, was not broken until 5 years old and made his first start as a 7-year-old.

When the winter racing season in Russia closed, Frank Caton had won \$28,000, standing at the head of the winning list. Central Girl, 2:22 1/4, by Nutwood Wilkes, sire of Who Is It, 2:12, has worked a mile in 2:17 on the Alameda (Cal.) track.

John Splan says the best thing he saw while on his recent trip to Kentucky is the filly Exstasy, 2:10 1/2, who is being taught to trot.

Bert Sheldon, Jr., is 16 years old and commenced the campaign of 1899 by taking the 2:17 trot at Newark, N. J., Memorial day in handy fashion.

Sir Eld, 2:14 1/4, has gone lame and will be laid up for several weeks. A misstep on the speedway of New York in a brush with Red Lady, 2:12 1/4, did the business.

Frank B. Walker has been engaged to do the starting at the Nashville meeting, Oct. 16-21, and it is understood that John B. McFerran has been requested to act as presiding judge.

The guideless pacing mare Cute, 2:15 1/4, stepped the Brooklyn driving park track, New Paltz, N. Y., Memorial day in 2:13 1/4 and again covered the same track June 3 in 2:12, beating the track record.

For two years horsemen have been speculating as to the ownership of Page, 2:09 1/4, by Polonus, but in the recent death of Charles E. Tilford the owner of the Orange county (N. Y.) trotter was discovered.—*Horseman*.

CURTAIN RAISERS.

Nat Goodwin, it is said, contemplates playing Shylock.

A new farce is projected with an automobile as its theme.

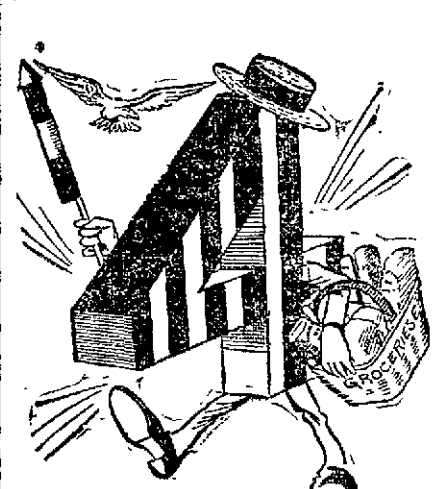
A burlesque on "The Children of the Ghetto," called "The Children of the Siletto," is on the market.

An enterprising electrician has taken contracts to keep several New York theaters cool this season with liquid air.

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M. J. CHEESMAN, Adm.
Salt Lake City, Utah, 1899.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A complete traveler's guide, with railroad, street railway and postoffice timetables, will be found on page 5.

News items of interest are gladly received by The Transcript, and should be left at the office as early in the day as possible.

Communications on live topics are solicited by The Transcript. They must in every case be accompanied by the names of the writers (not necessarily for publication if good reason for withholding them is shown), and must be brief to insure publication.

Notices of meeting and events intended for the "Tonight's Events" department must be left at the office by 10 o'clock in the morning to insure insertion.

The Transcript's telephone number for counting room and news departments is 230.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1559—Union of Germany, Spain, the Netherlands, the two Sicilies, and the Spanish Indies under Charles V.
1577—Peter Paul Rubens, Flemish painter, born; died 1640.
1776—Terrible bombardment of Fort Moultrie, Charleston harbor, by the British resulted in a bloody repulse of the fleet.
1805—Giuseppe Mazzini, Italian reorganizer, born at Genoa; died 1872.
1836—James Madison, fourth president, died at Montpelier, Va.; born 1751.
1838—Victoria crowned at Westminster to succeed her uncle, William IV, on the throne of England.
1894—Rear Admiral William Greenwell, U. S. N., a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died in Washington; born 1824.

TONIGHT'S EVENTS.

Strawberry supper at Methodist church.
Kings' Daughters social at Mrs. G. M. Darby's.
Stewart Council, A. O. S. E., meets.
I. O. G. T. meets.
Woman's relief corps meets.
Carpenters' union meets.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—Round trip tickets to Lake Pleasant for the Fourth of July celebration there will be \$1 from here.

—The sisters of St. Joseph school enjoyed a ride to the Sand Springs in one of Flagg's large teams last evening.

—Dr. Matie will give his free treatment at the hospital Thursday from 10 to 12 for diseases of the throat and nose.

—The Schubert orchestra will furnish music for Miss Clara P. Ray's assembly at Odd Fellows' hall Friday evening.

—The semi-annual meeting of Oneco lodge, I. O. O. F., was held Tuesday evening. Frank E. Card was elected N. G. and W. Byars, V. G.

—Jerry Barry, the gardener, is already showing some remarkably handsome sweet peas, whose advent is about the earliest of any in this vicinity.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wilkinson, Jr., of Church street are holding a reception this afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. Music is furnished by the Schubert orchestra.

—About 20 of the Rathbone Sisters started for Savoy this morning in one of Flagg's four horse teams. They will take dinner at Mrs. Hoxie's hotel, and return late this afternoon.

—Mrs. James Venard and Miss Belle Clark sailed today from New York on the "Majestic" of the White Star line. Tickets were purchased through the agency of B. B. Haskins.

—Mrs. M. C. Elliot of New Haven, Conn., will give a free illustrated talk to ladies at the parlors of the Universalist church Thursday at 3 p. m. She will speak on the higher physical life.

—All the wooden fences adjoining the Boston and Albany railroad are being removed, and are being replaced by wire fences. New surveys are also being made.

—The Boston Globe says that "The president has so far left himself out in Massachusetts as to go to a hop the other day. The head of the nation seems to be in some danger of getting giddy."

—John R. Hiley, the Boston correspondent of the Chicago Times, is taking a bicycle ride through this section, and reached this city in time for the president's reception Monday.

—The F. M. T. A. society will hold a promenade and dance in Columbia opera house next Monday evening, July 3. Dancing will last from 8 to 12. The ideal orchestra will furnish music. The committee in charge will spare no labor to make the occasion enjoyable.

—In moving some paraphernalia in the guard room at the Pittsfield jail yesterday, Jailer Whipple, among other curiosities, discovered a log book, charts, etc., of one Captain John Brane, a former inmate, with the name of the sailing ship Anawan, and the data of the ports which they touched at from 1841 to 1852.

—The carpenters of Troy, who as a body have been on strike for nearly three months, decided to return to work Monday evening, when a conference was held between representatives of the union and the master carpenters. A number of the men went to work yesterday morning. The carpenters struck for higher wages.

—The following is the list of letters advertised at the North Adams post office June 27: Mrs. J. W. Donnelle, Eilesla Foeter, Mrs. E. Winthrop Greene, Mrs. A. H. Pratt, Clark Boyington, W. W. Crosby, Louis Fredette, N. C. Florence, J. H. Hoxley, P. V. Kelley, Thomas Kew, Mr. Nudette, Phil O'Brien, R. W. Sharp.

—The Daughters of Erin, auxiliary of Division, A. O. H., elected officers last evening as follows: President, Mrs. F. J. Coughlin; vice president, Mrs. Corrigan; recording secretary, Miss Mayma Murnahan; sergeant at arms, Miss Bridget Mathews; sentinel, Mrs. John Hanley. The financial secretary was not elected. The officers will be installed in July.

Clothes Line Thieves.

There was a clothes line robbery at the home of Mrs. Loyd on West Main street last night, and a large quantity of valuable linen was taken. This morning the clothes line was found neatly piled up in one corner of the yard. There is a clue to the thief which will be investigated, and it is hoped to bring him to justice.

—The new lodge of Elks met last evening and initiated candidates.

—The ambulance was called out this morning to take a woman from the 9:51 train from Rowe to the hospital. She was suffering from a compound fracture of the hip.

—Miss Hattie Wiley of Greylock, who is employed at the Sampson shoe factory, was injured this morning, her hand being caught in a hook and one finger being badly torn. Dr. Crofts was called, and she was cared for at the home of a friend on Lincoln street. It was thought at first that amputation would be necessary, but the doctor now hopes to save the finger.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Misses Maymie and Annie Kelly have returned from Schuylerville, N. Y., where they attended the graduation exercises of their brother from the high school.

Mrs. Thomas Larkin of Jersey City is visiting her son, George T. Larkin of Yale street.

Amherst Team's Captain.

The Amherst baseball team has elected Winfield Alpley Thompson, '00 of Winchester, N. H., captain for next season. Thompson has played three years on the varsity, at short and third. He covered third this season, and in the last game on Weston field was acting captain.

"Black Patti" Divorced.

"Black Patti," the famous colored singer, who was heard here last season was granted a divorce yesterday in Providence.

Her name is Matilda S. Jones, and she charged her husband David with non-support and drunkenness. She asserted that he denied her the means of existence after she earned the money, sometimes taking in \$1000 in a night, which she charged David squandered at cards and crap games.

Police Court Sufferers.

There was another long row in the prisoners' dock at police court this morning. Four drunks were fined \$5 each, two cases were continued, and one was put on probation.

Joseph Reugan, a boy of 14, was charged with stealing a box of strawberries from the fruit stand of George Joseph, and the lad was fined \$3.

Harry Douglas was sent to jail for 60 days for drunkenness and disturbing the peace. He created a disturbance at his home Monday night.

Fourth of July Baseball.

Manager Mackey signed an agreement with the Springfield Consolidated team yesterday to play the Fourth of July game here next Tuesday afternoon.

The Consolidateds are mostly minor league players, and have won a remarkable series of games in the vicinity of Springfield this season, so that Mr. Mackey is confident that he has secured an organization that will be able to put up a rattling contest with his men. The Consolidateds are recommended by Manager Brown of the Springfield eastern leaguers, and should prove a drawing card next week.

Sailed for Europe Today.

H. W. Clark and family went to New York Monday and sailed for Europe today on the St. Paul of the American line. They will visit England, France, Germany, Russia, Norway and Sweden, stopping at Southampton, London, Stockholm, St. Petersburg, Moscow, Copenhagen, Hamburg, Amsterdam, Antwerp, the Hague, Brussels and Paris. They will return early in September.

The biscuit factory on Lincoln street, to be started by H. W. Clark & Co., and which at one time it was planned to start before Mr. Clark's departure, will not be started till August and will not be running in full until September.

Two Very Handsome Blocks.

The new marble blocks at the corner of Bank and Summer streets have their exteriors practically completed, with the exception of the corners at the top, and many comments are passed on their handsome appearance. They will make undoubtedly the handsomest blocks in the city, and in a short time the two marble trees on Summer street directly in front of and close to the corner block will be cut down, so that it will show up to much better advantage. The cutting down of the trees is regretted, but they are almost in the sidewalk and the branches go almost into the windows of the block, so that it will be impossible to keep them.

The two blocks differ slightly in style. The corner block, built by William Dobson for George Rich, has dressed stone trimmings, and above the top story there are false windows of fancy stone and brick. The block adjoining on Bank street, built by the Whitney brothers for Arthur Robinson has a rock faced stone trimmings, and is perfectly plain to the top.

Work on the interiors of the blocks will be begun shortly, and the blocks are expected to be completed and ready for use early in the fall.

The brick work on the new blocks on the opposite corner is progressing rapidly. These blocks will be of marble for two stories, with buff brick above.

BLACKINTON

Mrs. James Fallon left Tuesday to visit her daughter at Providence, R. I. David W. Fallon left town Tuesday evening for New York from where he expects to sail today on a two months visit to Wales and England.

Richard Evans is building an addition to his residence on East Main street.

The Misses Broderick of Burlington, Vt., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Brossette.

Haying has begun hereabouts and while the crop is unusually light in many places the average crop will be much heavier than was expected, particularly along the flats on the south side of the river.

A concert and strawberry festival will be held for the benefit of the "Church of the Holy Family" at Greylock on Friday evening June 30. The affair promises to be a very successful one, and the friends of the church are assured of a good time. Talent for the concert has been obtained from Williamstown, Adams and Blackinton.

LASTERS ASK FOR INCREASE.

Schedules Presented to Shoe Factories Today. One Factory Has Already Increased Wages.

The new schedule of prices for which the lasters of the city have been looking for some time, was presented to most of the local factories this morning. In this schedule the lasters ask for an increase of about 10 to 15 per cent over the present price.

No answers were given in any of the factories today, but it is expected that all the manufacturers will give their decision in a day or so. The lasters ask to have the new schedule go into effect July 1, and the manufacturers are expected to answer tomorrow or the next day.

Nothing was said by the men in presenting the schedule as to what would be done if the manufacturers do not agree to the list, but it is hoped that some agreement will be reached. In one of the factories some suggestions were made in regard to the schedule, and it is expected that a favorable answer will be given tomorrow.

At the Canedy-Clark factory no schedule was presented, as some days ago the proprietors asked what the new schedule was to be, and thereupon voluntarily posted a new schedule for the lasters which is practically the schedule asked for from the others today.

MILITIA EXAMINATIONS.

Col. Clark Straightens Out a Tangled Question

The question of physical examination requirements for the state militia under the new law is a perplexing one for most of the privates and company commanders. It was straightened out by Colonel Clark yesterday, and the matter now stands in Major Gates's understanding, as follows:

All recruits must pass a physical examination; all men whose term of enlistment has expired and who wish to re-enlist, must pass the examination, and also all men who were rejected at the time of mustering into the United States service, owing to physical disability, and who now wish to re-enter the militia. Any man who was prevented from going to the militia for reasons other than physical disability, and resumed his connection with the militia upon its return to state service, does not require examination. If, however, such a man's time expired and he failed to re-enlist with the militia until the present time, he must take an examination.

The only instance when men are exempted from physical examinations is when they have "clean bills" of health in connection with discharge papers from the militia. Even in this case, however, the exemption is useless, as none of the men have their "bills," all having been sent to Washington with other papers.

There is a possibility that a ruling may be made later requiring all men in militia companies to take physical examinations, whether their time has expired or not. This is hardly probable, however, as the men, if they wished to remain in the companies, would be candidates for re-enlistment sooner or later, and would then take the regular examination.

Card of Thanks.

In behalf of the city of North Adams, I wish to most heartily thank all those who so ably and cordially assisted in making the reception of the president and his family so memorable an occasion. Particularly the school children of our city whose splendid appearance was much appreciated by President McKinley and all who witnessed the parade.

H. T. CADY, Mayor.

FIELD DAY AND RACES AT HOOSICK FALLS, JULY 4TH.

Hoosick Falls will celebrate July 4th, by a Grand Field Day, Horse Races and other athletic sports with accompanying prizes. The Fitchburg railroad will make rates from its stations between North Adams and Troy for this occasion. Tickets good only on regular trains of that day. Excursion rate from North Adams only 75 cents.

Great reduction in the price of bicycles at Hodge's, 22 Summer street.

THE JEWEL CASKET.

Two small solid gold hearts with a diamond sunk in the center of each serve as one of the exquisite belt clasps now in fashion.

A fad from Paris is the tie chain, to which hearts, balls and various other devices are suspended. This new article in jewelry is known as La Valliere and will prove a great summer novelty.

Some women are fastening their silk shirt waists with small stick pins of different precious or semiprecious stones. Three or four of these make a very pretty color effect on a white waist.

An exceedingly dainty long chain noted was ornamented with pearls and tourmalines in alternation, the latter of a delicious rose pink hue. The pretty heart shaped pendant was also of tourmaline.

Many novelties are presented in shirt waist sets, consisting of sleeve links, three studs and a cuff button. Quite unique is the representation of an ordinary flat button with four holes, each hole, however, being set with a brilliant. —Jewelers' Circular.

TRUST THRUSTS.

The ink trust, at least, is as black as it is painted.—St. Paul Globe.

The very latest is a perfume trust, the profits of which are expected to yield a large per cent.—Boston Herald.

If both political parties are bent on fighting the trusts, it may be necessary for the latter to start a party of their own.—Topeka State Journal.

The pie trust officials do not mind matters by claiming to be a "combo" or "company." It is a plain pie trust, with no scallops around the edges of the crust, and is out for the dough.—Denver Post.

Chauncey Depew thinks that trusts will kill themselves by overcapitalization. He is a logician, one must concede. That is a good deal like trying to cure a man of smallpox by cutting his throat.—Washington Democrat.

Anti-Mobility, etc.

If the march of improvement keeps up its track, they'll soon be changing the name of the southern city to Automobile, Ala.—Louisville Post.

Cleveland's BAKING POWDER.

A pure cream of tartar powder. No alum, no adulteration.

THE FASHION PLATE.

Lace furniture without stint is the universal rule of the hour.

Softly curving edges and sharply outlined, open fronts are characteristics of the new Louis XV jacket bodies of diminutive size.

The deep flounces extending from a hip yoke or from the belt to the hem of the skirt are a very popular trimming for summer silks, crepe de chine, grenadine, barege, nuns' veiling, etc.

The new very lightweight etamines are not as sheer as the fancy canvas goods and zephyr grenadines, but made over a light india silk lining they are delightfully cool for midsummer wear.

Mauve and gray are rivals of blue, with some few rare shades in pink, and notable combinations are rose and violet, iris and green, red and mauve, with a glint of Spanish yellow, and black with every other shade in the Paris color list.

Among the latest French novelties to be chronicled are silk pernoles trimmed with flat, very deep ruffles of cream colored silk embroidery and edged with silk fringe to match, and "dress" umbrellas with a border of embroidery or Irish guipure insertion.

Nearly all of the full dress gowns have the sleeves of the bodice very short and formed of a dainty drapery of lace and chiffon, a strap of jeweled gimp and a close cluster, three tiny lapping frills of plaited tulle, etc., and very long gloves of waterily white undressed kid complete the toilet.

Some of the new india silks are figured in small Marie Antoinette patterns, and other plain indias, woven so thin that they are almost like silk muslin, are French novelties that can be as easily manipulated as chiffon. They are, however, as firm and handsome in quality as they are transparent.—New York Post.

LAW POINTS.

A mere voluntary association cannot sue in the name of the association.

A written contract may be modified by oral agreement unless it is of the class required by law to be in writing.

An auctioneer has the right to refuse a bid which is a trifling advance where the sum offered is incommensurate with the actual known value of the property.

In order that a binding contract may result from an offer and acceptance the minds of the parties must meet at every point and nothing be left open for future arrangement.

The sureties under a contract to sell and deliver goods to a person at a named place are liable only for the purchase price of goods delivered to such person at the named place and not for goods delivered to him elsewhere.

Participation in the profits and losses of a particular business is not a conclusive test of partnership. It shall appear that the parties stood in some other relation to each other or if their intention was not to form a partnership.—Recent Decisions, High Courts.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Strawberry plants from an old bed lack vitality.

The matted row system is the best for strawberries.

Apple trees should be sprayed just after the bloom has passed.

The grape is adapted to a wider range of country than any other fruit.

Prompt use of the knife is the most effective remedy for black knot on plums.

In order to have a full supply it is usually best to have several varieties of the different kinds of fruits.

One advantage of dwarf pears is their early fruiting and their habits of bearing from the ground up. They occupy little room.

The borer, when inside the tree, can hardly be reached by outside washes. Use the knife or a piece of wire. Look often for them now.

If pear trees are in the orchard, the only pruning that should be attempted is that of keeping the head open, so as to admit plenty of sunlight.—Exchange.

THE WRITERS.

Olive Schreiner has never told her age. There is no mention of the year of her birth in any of her biographies.

Verdi denies that he is writing a new opera. He says that "Falstaff" is his last work and that his labor in this world is over.

Rev. John Watson, better known as Ian MacLaren, is to try an experiment. His next book, "The Life of the Master," will appear with his own name on the title page.

A new story about Robert Browning has got into print. It was when his son was beginning his public career as a painter, and Browning was anxious about his first exhibition. "People expect so much from him, poor fellow," he said, "because he has a clever mother."

Frede Magdalene Thorsen, mother-in-law of Henrik Ibsen, the Norwegian dramatist, and herself a novelist of renown, received from King Christian of Denmark on her eightieth birthday recently the golden medal of merit. She also received the Norwegian medal of recompense.

THE CYNIC.

About the worst thing people do is to have fits.

A woman who argues real well is never a favorite in society.

A man always looks foolish carrying a white lace parasol over a woman.

It is a good idea to trust very few people. Those who are not dishonest may be careless.

This rule can always be depended upon.—ossip will be just as bad as the listener will permit him to be.

The only advantage in being any one's best friend is that you hear his real opinion of people, which is never flattering.

People who do not get many telegrams regard it as a part of their duty to look worried and sigh when they have read a telegram, no matter what its contents.—Aitchison Globe.

PENITENTIARY PHILOSOPHY.

Cuspidors are pieces of furniture into which one steps—around which one spins.

Equality is a delusion through which the man judges himself equal to his superiors and superior to his equals.

It certainly is remarkable how well we endure our confinement, considering how everybody in the world that we were chided from is enjoined to take plenty of exercise and live, as much as possible in the open air.—Sings Sing Prison Star of Hope.

HIS OPINION WORTHLESS.

He Was Clearly Not a Competent Judge of Whiteness.

"It's a case of whitewash from beginning to end," exclaimed the man with fuzzy whiskers and shoes which had large round holes cut in their sides.

"What's a case of whitewash?" asked his wife, who was wiping her hands on an apron as she stood in the door.

"This whole business," he answered, turning to his paper. "But of course I wouldn't expect you to know anything about it."

"Anyhow," she remarked decidedly, "I don't think it's a case of whitewash."

"Oh, you don't!"

"No, I don't."

"Maybe you've read some facts on the situation that haven't been brought to my attention."

"Not a word."

"And of course, being your husband, I shouldn't expect you to take my say so for it. You couldn't think of relying on my opinion in the matter."

"Well, ordinarily I don't know but what it's my duty to take what you say about things as being all that need be said. I suppose it's my business to take care that the house is run right and look after all the marketing and see that we have enough saved up to meet our debts while you sit by and think up the opinions for the family?"

"But this case is an exception, is it? My opinion isn't enough for you this time."

"No; I'm afraid it isn't. You remember, yesterday afternoon you got industrious and said you were going to clean things up, and you got some lime and some glue and some water and a suit of old clothes. That cellar wall looks like a marine landscape done in layers with great rifts of white against a background of grimy brick. It resembles a picture of a rainstorm in collision with a starch factory. I'll take your judgment in a great many things, William, but you cannot speak for me on the subject you have just mentioned. You are not a good judge of whitewash."—Washington Star.

Drama Up to Date.

"To stop;" "take a recess;" "have a change;" "an intermission;" "to go away and have a rest;" "relieve your mind of your every day cares;" go away on a journey and spend some of your money and not trouble about it afterward."

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At FOUNTAIN'S

Bank Street.

"Anything in that new play of 'Ma-zeppe'?"

"Yes. They tied the man on an automobile, wound it up and let it go."

Reduced.

"I am reduced from affluence to beggary," he faltered.

In as few words as possible she broke their engagement.

"I wish to show," she observed haughtily, "that women, contrary to general report, do not necessarily care for things just because these are reduced!"

Without a plaint he took his conge, and, en passant, his umbrella, there being no other in the hatrack.—Detroit Journal.

A New Call.

New Yorker—I wanted to get off at One Hundred and Sixteenth street. Why didn't you call it off?

Conductor—I did, sir. I called out One Hundred and Sixteenth street as plain as could be.

New Yorker—Hum! No wonder I didn't notice it. If you'd yell out "Um-merumstentstentstent" I'd have known what you meant.—New York Weekly.

No Trouble.

"Did you have any trouble about your vote while you were at home?"

"No, suh," answered Mr. Erastus Pinkley. "I didn't have no trouble. I jes' stood on my dignity. I picked out my candidate, and when de 'gpute stanted I said dat dey wouldn't let me vote foh him I wouldn't vote foh no body."—Washington Star.

A Chicago Aristocrat.

"Miss Bunk must be a thoroughbred; she has such a lofty, scornful carriage."

"Oh, I don't know! Some girls get that air by refusing to help their mothers with their work."—Chicago Record.

A Matter of Taste.

"I notice that in a certain eastern school district the teachers' bicycle skirts are barred."

MAJOR MARCHAND AND HIS MISSION.

A NATIONAL hero is always a necessity to France. Sometimes such things, she has found, are expensive luxuries, but with the present idol of the French people this is not the case.

All Paris, and indeed all France, is now in a state of joyous enthusiasm over the return home of Major Marchand. It does not seem to make much difference to the French mind whether or not the heroic little major accom-

panied him to his credit, Marchand's African expedition has not by any means been fruitless. France certainly nurses the satisfaction of knowing that this man's doings on the dark continent have disturbed England not a little. This alone is worth something to the Gallic mind. When Marchand appeared at Fashoda with his little band of Senegalese sharpshooters, it was a startling setback to the British foreign office and gave France a fresh hold on the un-

known territory in the interior of northern Africa. The man who so disturbed the peace of mind of England was born in the humble little town of Thoissey, in the department of Aine. His father was a poor and lowly born joiner in this town, and here the young explorer and soldier in embryo grew up and attended school. He began life as a notary's clerk, but soon gave up that modest occupation for a military career. In 1883 he was nominated French agent at Sikoum, and from that time until his last triumphant return to Paris has been busily engaged in exploration work in the in-

terior of the dark continent. This necessarily involved him and his meager forces in constant warfare with savage chieftains and led him into positions and places hedged with the greatest dangers.

It was in 1896 that Major Marchand submitted a plan for an African campaign to the French war department. His plan was at once approved, and he was given a major's commission and sent out at once on his journey of over

A Salon Statue.

The piece of statuary that is attracting more attention perhaps than other figures at the Paris Salon of the present season is that by Barrias known as "The Unveiling of Nature." As the ac-



companying reproduction of the statue will show, the design is simply the figure of a beautiful woman, typifying nature, represented as lifting a veil from her face.

Chinese Labor In Hawaii.



In the Hawaiian canefields here you see everywhere at present the Chinaman, with his divided skirt and knot of black hair. Is it not rather odd that in a land where women are most despised and oppressed the men should dress and look more like women than anywhere else?

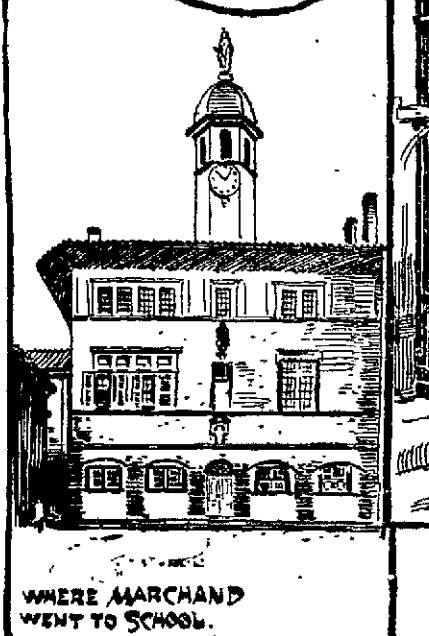
The knife used by the cane cutter here is exactly the same tool as the machete with which the Cuban insurgent did his deadly work. One blow of this cleaver severs the head of the cane stalk, and a second cuts it off near the root. There it lies ready to be loaded upon the flat cars that are drawn by a steam engine through the plantation for this purpose. Sugar cane juice at first looks very like gray soapuds.

Operations on these great plantations are conducted on a magnificent scale. A first class sugar yield is 13½ tons to the acre. Plantations are often 5,000 to 10,000 acres in extent. Some of them employ as many as 3,000 men. Overseers, bookkeepers, engineers, sugar boilers, etc., are white men in nearly all cases. The white man will never perform manual labor if he can get anybody else to do it for him, and therein lies his superiority.

It requires six hours to make sugar from the time the cane leaves the field till it comes out a finished product, bagged ready for shipping. Nothing is wasted. The crushed fiber of the cane is fed automatically into furnaces and forms the fuel that boils down the strip and makes the brown, sticky mass which goes into a machine like a cream separator and comes out part brown sugar at one door and part still browner molasses at another.

Honolulu.

ELIZA ARCHARD CONNER.



MARCHAND PERE.
— THE JOINER.

3,000 miles to the upper valley of the Nile, from which part of the world he has but lately returned to France.

It is well known in his native country that Major Marchand is an almost romantic believer in the future of France as a colonial power. As such has long been the dream of the republic and has already cost her much of her best blood and a great deal of gold, this attitude on the part of this little Cecil Rhodes of the French republic makes him a universal favorite with his people. While this zealous and popular officer is not a particularly brilliant man, he is, like his English prototype Kitchener, a hard worker and a plodder. The chief secret of his success in life has been his talent for keeping on good terms with the most exacting authorities and his ability to pacify in some strange manner the most belligerent of African warriors and chieftains. At the same time his personal friends have never been able to make out just how far his so called self possession is the result of training and calculation, for it is a well known fact that at one time he was often seen indulging in the most violent fits of ungovernable passion. His strange career and his strict military training, however, seem to have eliminated this dangerous disposition from his make up, and he is now one of the most self suppressed and reticent of men.

England's Ill Fated Family.

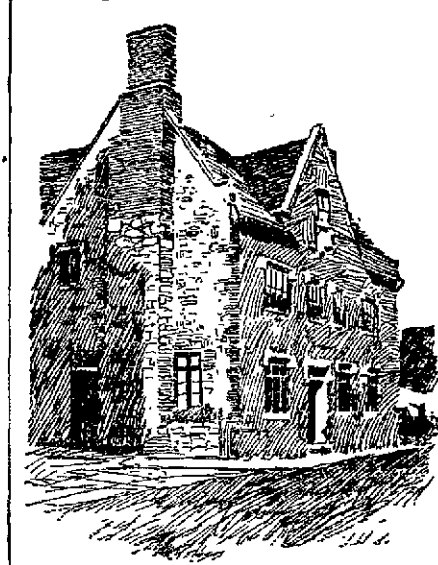


FIRST AND LAST EARLS OF STRAFFORD.

The tragic death of the late Earl of Strafford, who was found decapitated on a railway track at Potter's Bar, in England, is only another evidence of the fate that sometimes pursues particular families. The earls of Strafford from first to last have been the most unfortunate of titled Englishmen. The first earl is, of course, a familiar figure in history on account of his services to his arrogant sovereign, Charles, and his death on the scaffold of the Tower of London in 1641. During the history of the different nine earls of Strafford the title has been once forfeited, twice extinct, once revived and twice recreated. Five earls have died without leaving male issue, and the original family that held the title is now entirely extinct, while a relentless nemesis seems to have pursued every person to whom the title was ever attached. Some were killed, some were drowned, some died of disease, and few indeed have been the Straffords who were able to live happy lives.

Historic Schoolhouse.

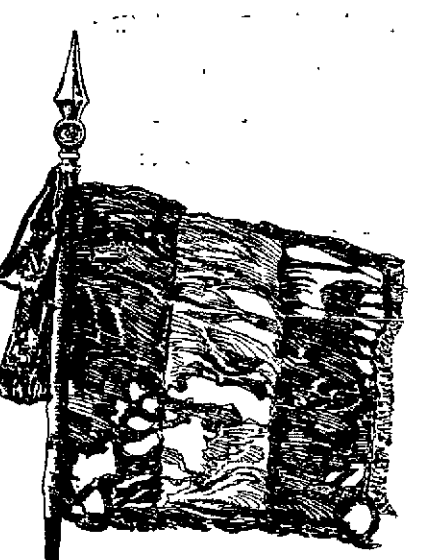
Each year thousands of visitors pass through Newport, the Isle of Wight, on their way to the neighboring famous ruin of Carisbrooke, where Charles I was imprisoned and made his un-



successful attempt to escape. But in Newport itself is an equally interesting spot in the old Jacobin grammar school wherein Charles once held his court. This was during the abortive negotiations with the parliamentary commissioners, who were in session at the old town hall of the same place. The royal apartments were in the quaintly gabled front facing the street leading to Cowes, and the schoolroom was used as the king's presence chamber. All his majesty's letters and documents were dated "From our Court at Newport," and while a prisoner in the town he was allowed a certain amount of freedom on parole. But in this very schoolhouse the unfortunate Charles was eventually arrested and conveyed a prisoner to Hurst castle.

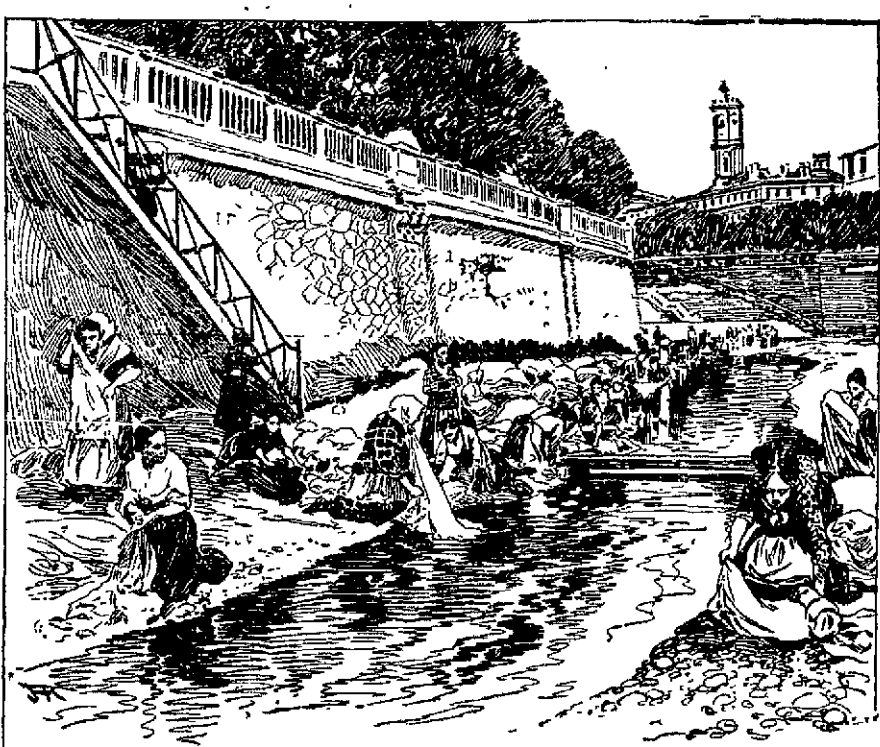
An Old French Flag.

There has just been turned over to the Fifty-ninth infantry of the army of France a historic old flag which belonged to that regiment 40 years ago.



This flag, which is shown in the accompanying illustration, came into the possession of two inhabitants of the town of Lille, who notified the minister of war of the event and expressed their willingness to restore the banner to its original possessors. It was first given to the Fifty-ninth infantry in 1859, and under it, in 1867, 65 men fell at the battle of Mentana.

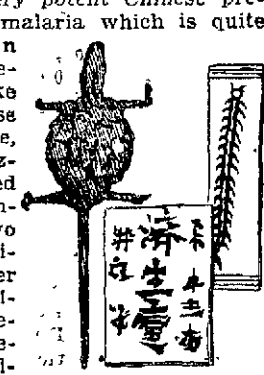
A Remarkable Washtub.



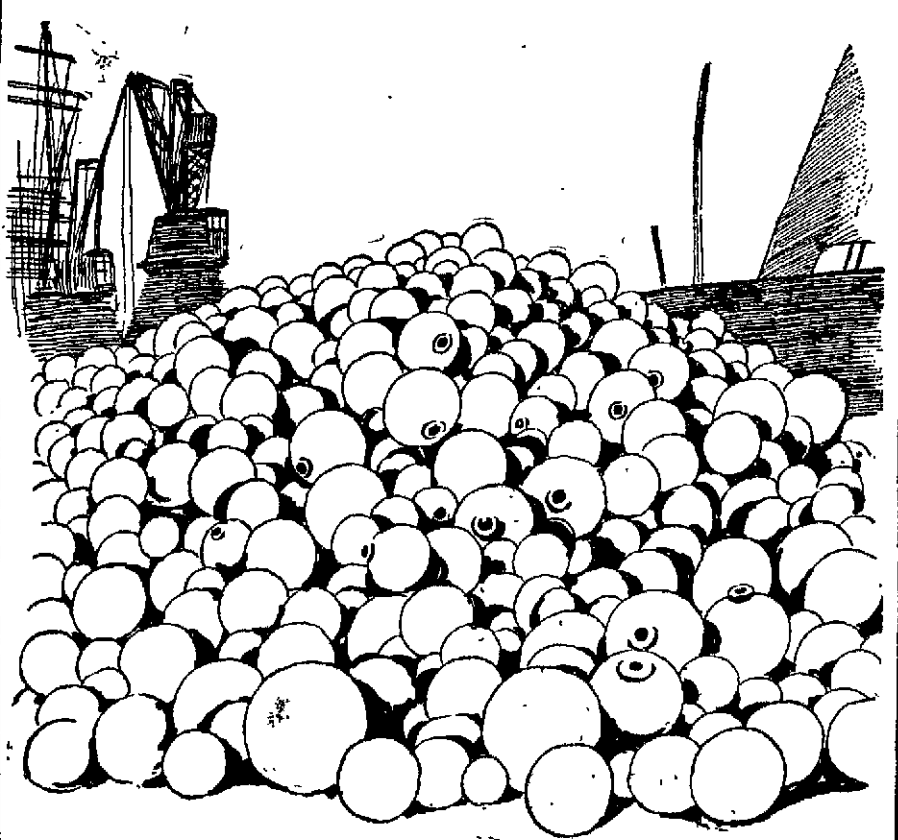
The biggest and at the same time the busiest washtub in the world is that shown in the accompanying illustration. It is the river Pailion, at Nice, and each day hundreds of blanchisseuses of all ages and complexions come down from "The City of the Sun," as Nice is familiarly called, and perform their family washing along the banks of this little stream. It makes one of the quaintest and most picturesque scenes in the recollection of the visitor to the Riviera and is certainly a primitive method of laundry work.

Chinese Medicine.

Here is a very potent Chinese prescription for malaria which is quite unknown in American materia medica. Like every Chinese medical mixture, it contains a lizard and a dried centipede. Without these two medicinal animals the other materials constituting the prescription are believed to be valueless, and, no matter what the ailment may chance to be, the oriental doctor always has to prescribe the necessary lizard and centipede.



Shells to Blow Up Uncle Sam.



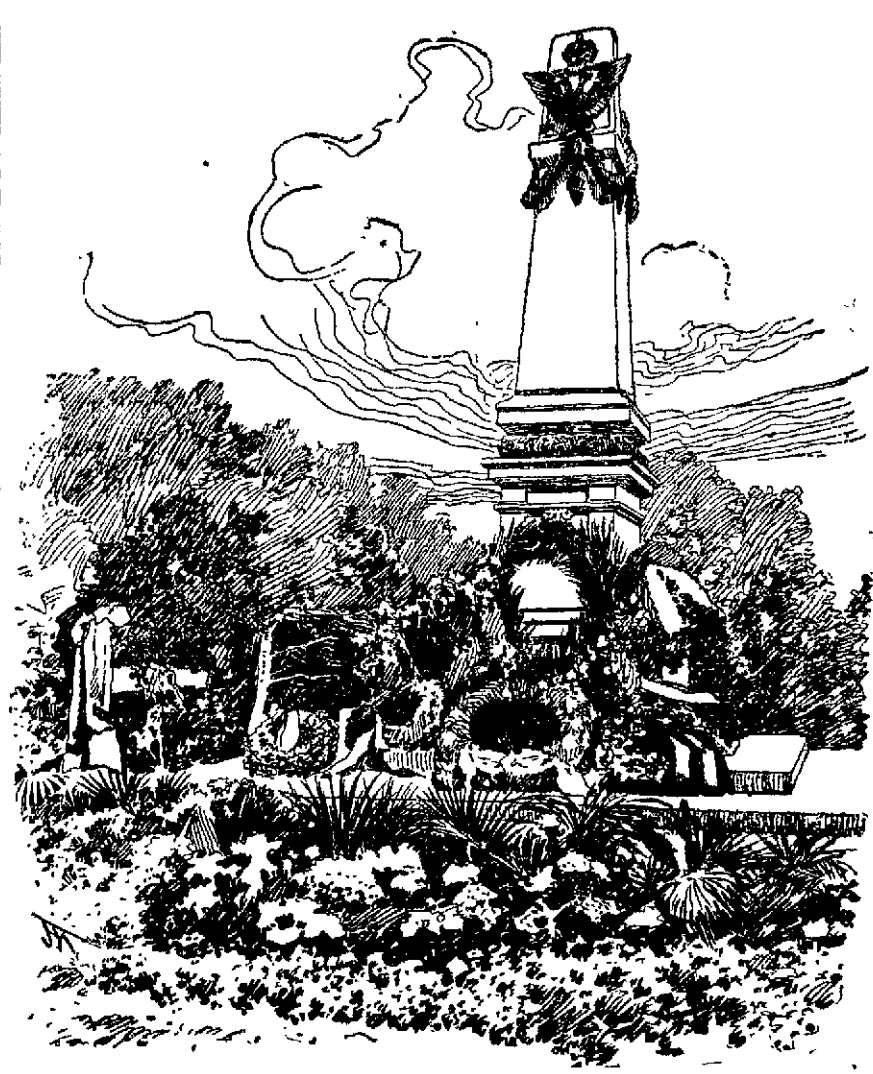
Here are a few thousand shells which should have a peculiar interest to all Americans. They were intended for the purpose of blowing up Uncle Sam's navy. They did not, however, do the expected blowing up for obvious reasons and now are lying on a Glasgow wharf waiting to be made use of as old iron. This cargo of Spanish shells, which are of all sizes, were originally loaded and primed by Spain just before the war for use on pigs of Americans, but never used. Owing to the recent rise in the European metal market they were sold to a British firm as old iron, and the accompanying picture shows them after the explosives had been removed and the shells themselves ready to be broken up and remolded.

A GREAT SAVINGS FUND.

For about ten years the Carnegie company at Pittsburgh has maintained a savings fund for the benefit of its employees. This fund now amounts to over \$1,000,000. The savings fund is the creation of Andrew Carnegie, who, in order to induce the workmen to save their earnings, obligated the Carnegie Steel company, limited, to pay the de-

positors a higher rate of interest on their savings than could be obtained from any bank, building association or other savings institution. The company has met this obligation at all times, regardless of adverse business conditions, of fluctuations in interest rates, paying every one of its workmen who deposited his earnings with the company 6 per cent per annum.

Obelisk to the Late Empress.



The recently unveiled monument to the late empress of Austria, as will be seen from the accompanying illustration, is one of the most beautiful memorial shafts ever put up in France. The circumstances of its erection are both touching and interesting. The monument was put up at Cap Martin to commemorate the many happy days which the much loved Austrian empress spent at Nice, which was one of her favorite summer homes in France. At the unveiling ceremonies a cantata was sung by a chorus of young Mentonnais girls, and later in the ceremonies to the strain of the Austrian national anthem a beautiful crown of roses and palm leaves, tied with black and yellow ribbons, was deposited at the base of the obelisk. Among the many floral tributes was a magnificent wreath of violets and carnations from Queen Victoria.

Victoria's Fiji Island Troops.



Now that the United States possesses colonies there are problems connected with their government which are apt to be suggested at the present juncture in our national affairs. The experience of Great Britain, the greatest colonizing power in the world, must be of the highest possible advantage to our government in the solution of these problems, and her methods of ruling her numerous dependent races can be studied greatly to our advantage. Only a short time ago native Egyptian troops, useless as soldiers a few years ago, when trained by British officers proved invaluable in the recent Sudan campaign. In India the British troops number 72,550 and the native troops 147,325. Many of these latter, the Goorkas especially, are almost equal to any troops in the world, and all are regarded as thoroughly loyal. Probably the most unique body of native troops in the British service is the armed constabulary in the Fiji Islands. This force was raised in the troublous times of King Thakambau and has proved efficient and amenable to discipline ever since. Their superior officers are whites, but there are native lieutenants and others of lower grade. The uniforms of the Fiji constabulary are very picturesque, one part of it resembling a highland kilt and the national costume of Greece and Albania. Doubtless our government will try the same experiment in our new possessions.

A Very Wise Swan.

One of the swans in New York's Central park has just built a nest in a peculiar manner, as will be seen from the accompanying illustration. To escape molestation from small boys and dogs this active bodied bird collected a pile



of reeds and set to work building up a pyramid in the center of one of the park's small lakes. The pyramid was built up until it was well above the surface of the water, and on it she made her nest and was calmly seated on the same when this picture was taken.

The great French composer, M. Saint-Saens, is by turn philosopher, composer, archaeologist and astronomer.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

The original draft of the Confederate constitution is in the possession of Longstreet Hall of Athens, Ga. Mr. Hull is a grandson of Thomas R. R. Cobb, chairman of the committee which drew the document.

The first Greek letter society—Phi Beta Kappa—was originated at Williams and Mary in 1776, and among the charter members were John Marshall, chief justice of the supreme court; Spencer Roane, who was considered the ablest jurist ever produced in Virginia.

John Brown and Stephen T. Mason, senators from Virginia; William Short, minister to Spain and Holland; and Elisha Farnole, a native of Massachusetts, who established chapters at Yale and Harvard when he returned home.

The Kansas City Star tells of a Trip-lett (Kan.) girl who sent \$1 to a smart New Yorker for a "sure cure for freckles." This is the recipe which she received: "Remove the freckles carefully with a pocketknife, soak them over-

night in salt water, then hang up in the smokehouse in a good, strong smoke made of sawdust and slippery elm bark for a week. Freckles thus treated never fail to be thoroughly cured."

The Chinese tael is a coin which has never existed. It is simply a unit for convenience.

The gun now being built at the Watervliet arsenal, which will be mounted at the Sandy Hook defenses after its testings in September, will be the largest service gun in the world, and it will have a muzzle energy equivalent

to the ramming power of the battleship Oregon going at a 14 knot speed. The steel ingot from which the main tube was constructed weighed 111.15 tons. Professor Bell believes that "wireless telephony" is but a step in advance of "wireless telegraphy" and that it will be a natural outcome of the present investigations of Marconi in signaling through space.

Ireland has 357 co-operative societies, with a membership of 140,000. Of the societies 170 are co-operative creameries.

Lester E. Gilbert of Marysville, Mo.,

recently started from Dallas, Or., with 25,000 sheep, which are to be driven overland to Kansas. Twenty-five men will assist him in herding the sheep, and 50 horses are to be taken along. The trip will occupy the entire summer and fall.

Some newspapers have very striking titles. Among those to be found in a recently issued directory are the Shawnee Daily Dinner Bell, the Oklahoma Sunbeam, The Kingfisher Kicker, The Pottawatomie County Plain People, the Kansas Cowboy, the Illinois City Lively Times, The Comanche Chief, The Kiowa

Chief, The Prairie Dog, The Thomas County Cat, The Whimwham, The Fanatic, The Western Cyclone, The Ensign, Razzoo, The Saturday Cyclone, The Jayhawk, and Palladium, The Prairie Owl, The Open Eye and the Grigsby City Scorchers.

William J. Wood, Jr., now in an insane asylum in Kansas, has been declared the rightful owner of the famous Emma gold mine at Aspen, Colo., valued at \$2,000,000. His father discovered the mine and died soon after, and all the children but William sold their life interests in the property to the Aspen

Mining and Smelting company. All these children are now dead, and the mine falls to the lunatic. The litigation has been going on since 1885.

Roswell Beardsley was appointed postmaster of North Lansing, Tompkins county, N. Y., June 23, 1828, and has held the position ever since. In all his 71 years of service no complaint has ever been made against him, nor has the slightest error been found in his accounts.

There was a decrease of 300,000 in the number of horses used in the United States last year.



Second Floor.

BABY BONNETS.

Dainty, pretty Baby Bonnets, prettier than you would expect for the little prices we are asking. Prices are 25c, 39c, 50c, 75c, 89c, \$1, 1.25 to 2.50.

BABY DRESSES.

Babies' Long Dresses, better and cheaper than you can make them. Many pretty styles and at almost every price. Prices 25c, 39c, 40c, 50c, 75c, 89c, 98c, \$1 to 7.50.

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Pretty French Corset Covers of fine mull, round low neck, trimmed with Torchon lace, arm sizes trimmed with Torchon lace.

Another Corset Cover, same style as above, made of cambric, trimmed with Hamburg embroidery.

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We are making special showings of new shapes and styles in Summer Corsets.

We have also just received a large assortment of the "Famous and Much Advertised AMERICAN LADY CORSETS," of which we have the exclusive sale.

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- Tenements. Inquire at the office of Ames & Arnold. t 28 1x
- House at 11 Bryant street with all modern conveniences. Inquire Berkshire Hills Sanatorium. t 27 1x
- Tenements, from \$8 to \$15 per month. Inquire F. E. Pike, Adams National Bank Block, after 6 o'clock evenings. t 24 1x
- Desirable tenements to rent. Inquire 112 River street. t 22 1x
- House on Quincy street, 8 rooms, modern improvements, heated, \$30 a month. Inquire at 125 Main street. t 23 1x
- Tenement, 115 Main street. William Burton. t 19 1x
- Tenement at corner of Cherry and Meadow streets. Apply at premises or H. A. Gallup. t 14 1x
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- A woman that thoroughly understands cooking. Inquire at 145 Union street. w 15 1x
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FOR SALE.

- Household furniture at 5 Millard avenue, off Hudson street. t 26 6x
- New mill cover. Inquire E. C. Lindley, Williamstown, Mass. t 27 6x
- The stock, and crop on the Sherman farm at Greylock, consisting of cows, chickens, potatoes and garden vegetables. Right party can get good bargain by applying at once to James Thomas, 228 Main West Main street. t 26 1x
- A few second hand buggies and harnesses, single and double in good condition. Flag's livery t 26 1x

LOST.

- Diamond shirt stud; Welch's saloon or the Hub barber shop. Liberal reward if left at the mansion house. t 25 1x
- Bundle of keys. Please return to G. H. Walker, G. A. R. hall. t 31 2x
- Monday afternoon on Monument square, a pocketbook containing a large sum of money. Finder will please return to the Transcript office and receive a suitable reward. t 30 3x
- Monday, grand stand to Quincy street, nickel watch, silver pin, valued for associations. Reward for return to Transcript office. t 30 5x

FOUND.

- A pair of spectacles on River street. Lower can have same by calling at 121 West Main street and paying charges.

FOR PHILIPPINES

Major Whipple to Raise Company for Active Service at Once.

CUBAN VETERANS TO FORM IT

Men To Be Asked to Enlist from Second, Sixth and Ninth Regiments of Volunteers. Major Talked with President About It.

Plans have been started to form a company of men to go to the Philippines. Major R. A. Whipple is to have charge of the arrangements and he will also be at the head of the company when it goes to the Philippines.

The company will be composed of volunteers who served in the Cuban campaign. The men will be taken from the Second, Sixth and Ninth Massachusetts volunteer regiments. Major Whipple will be assisted in forming his company by having deputies in the different regiments to secure men who wish to go.

Already in Adams John Reardon, Harry Perbridge and Thomas Tobin have signified their willingness to enlist and it is thought that perhaps 25 men from Adams would be in the company.

It is understood that the mayor had a long talk with President McKinley in regard to the formation of the company and definite arrangements will soon be completed for its equipment.

The company will be a sort of auxiliary to the regular army and as soon as formed will start for Manila. It ought to be a fine company inasmuch as it would be made up of men whose service in Cuba has taught them just what they enlisted for.

There could be no better or fitter man to head a company than Major Whipple. His war record is a brilliant one. He is a soldier in every qualification and is a good judge of men to know a good soldier from a poor one. He has served in the civil and Cuban wars and is still anxious to go to the front. He is not as young as he was but he came home from Cuba in first class shape.

There is not the least doubt but that his company would be a model one of fighters. His peculiar faculty for making friends would also make him a favorite leader. The company will probably be made up of about 125 men.

AL LAWSON HERE AGAIN.

What Happened to Anderson, Ind., and Andy in Kokomo.

Al. Lawson, of local baseball fame, struck town again this morning, much to the surprise of those who had believed that he was really located in the west, but not of those who were better acquainted with Al's winning ways. He was last heard from in Anderson, Ind., where he was manager of the leading team in the Illinois-Indiana league. Just what happened in Anderson before he left is not clear, but Al's story is that he was putting too good a team in the field, and that the backing was not sufficient.

Evidently there was trouble in the league and in the Lawson family, which took a prominent part in its fortunes, as the following item from the last Evening Life, in regard to Andy, Al's brother, will show.

Kokomo, June 15.—The Kokomo baseball club has a new manager, Andy Lawson, late manager of the Muncie, I.-I. league club, who later got control of the Kokomo club, left town today with one good eye and the other optic in a sling. He refused to pay his men, when two of them, Thomas and Kennedy, took several hard hits off his face and gave him a terrible beating. He says he will return and pay his numerous bills.

Al said this morning that Andy had to attend a hospital nurse after the players got through with him, but was evidently much disgusted with the lack of finesse shown by his brother in not getting out of town ahead of the game.

Lawson is of course formulating plans for another of the most stupendous baseball successes of the age, although just what form his next success will take is not at all sure. He still has the Cuban fever to some extent, but hasn't decided on anything yet.

CITIZENS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.

Election of Officers and Plans for the Summer.

The citizens' municipal league met last evening and elected officers for the coming six months. The following is the list chosen, the president and recording secretary being re-elected: President, Peter Oulman; recording and corresponding secretary, John Clark; financial secretary, James Smith; treasurer, J. B. Kenney; sergeant-at-arms, H. Greenberg. The election of vice-presidents, one from each ward, was left until the next meeting.

It was decided to hold meetings monthly until the first week in September, when the fall activity will begin, and the next meeting will be held on the last Tuesday evening in July. The board of control and ward committees will meet Friday evening to discuss the work in the wards.

The New Dewey's Opening.

The Dewey hotel at Coltsville, the latest of the central Berkshire hotels, is completed and opened and will make its bow to the public this evening. For its coming out, the proprietor, Z. R. Wood has arranged for a large reception to which the public is invited. There will be music throughout the evening by Smith's and Clark's orchestra of Pittsfield, who will play alternately during the evening on the wide piazzas facing the east. Mr. Wood and Mr. Mauser will be on hand to welcome the visitors and make them feel at home at the new hotel Dewey.

To Hold a Picnic.

A special meeting of the Caledonian club was held Tuesday evening. It was decided to hold a picnic at Readsboro, Vt., July 15. This will take the place of the annual field day at Howland park. The field day is done away with because the club lost money both times. The picnic will be for the Caledonian club and the Ladies' Auxiliary. They will drive in teams to Readsboro, Vt., and picnic in the woods. Lunches will be taken.

MRS. MCKINLEY BETTER.

Stood Trip to Washington Well, and Will Be Well Soon.

There will be a great personal interest throughout this region in the health of Mrs. McKinley, whose illness caused the hasty departure from Adams. She stood the journey to Washington very well and was slightly better on arrival. Her condition is not considered either serious or alarming, and she is expected to recuperate rapidly.

Dr. Rixey said upon leaving the White House, half an hour after the arrival of the presidential party, that Mrs. McKinley's condition need occasion no alarm. "I expect her to recover rapidly," said he. "She will probably be sitting up this afternoon." Many people called during the day to inquire concerning Mrs. McKinley's health. The president remained at his wife's bedside for a time and then went to his office.

Sent Flowers to Mrs. McKinley

Olympian temple, Rathbone Sisters, sent a large and beautiful bouquet to Mrs. McKinley at Adams Monday. The bouquet was composed of pink roses in the form of a triangle, surrounded by orchids and maiden-hair ferns. It was tied with a broad white ribbon, on one end of which was the seal of Olympian temple. Mrs. M. E. Amadon, most excellent chief of the temple, took the bouquet to Adams and sent it in to the house to Mrs. McKinley by little Miss Ada Quadland, who accompanied Mrs. Amadon. The little girl was dressed in white, with an American flag draped over her shoulder. Mrs. McKinley, who is a member of the order, was much pleased with the gift and returned her hearty thanks to the women for their thoughtful kindness.

EVEN PITTSFIELD PRAISES US

Perfection of the President's Reception Recognized by Critics.

When Pittsfield praises us, we must be a success. The fact that the reception given the president in this city was a triumph of excellent management and attractive features, is proved and emphasized by the fact that even the Pittsfield papers found nothing to criticize. Here is what the Eagle said about the affair:

"Well, North Adams has had the president, and none too soon either, for within two and one half hours after the exercises were over yesterday afternoon the president and party were en route for Washington. As his return was unexpected the Tunnel City had a narrow escape—but a miss is as good as a mile.

"Taken as a whole, although the visit of President McKinley to North Adams was necessarily brief, the affair was a pleasant and very skillfully managed. There was no confusion, and it was generally remarked that its brevity was its strongest point for everything was so arranged that everybody could see the president and the parade without the weary waiting usual upon such occasions, and for that reason, the president must have appreciated it too.

"To the credit of the managers it can be said that the affair of receiving and entertaining the president went off like clockwork. It was a regular Adams Adams function, short, prompt and satisfactory."

And editorially the Eagle says: "If more of the receptions given the president were of the North Adams order, we are of the opinion he would be better pleased and would not have to look pleasant sometimes, when he did not feel that way exactly."

Here is a graceful description of one of the pretty parts of the parade by the special writer who was here for the Troy Times:

"One of the strikingly beautiful features of the afternoon then happened. There was a slight break in the line between the first and second divisions. This was due to the slow step taken by St. Joseph's school, which headed that division. The slow pace was caused by the singing of the girls. "Our Beloved America" was sung to an air that made it almost a chant. There were many older girls in the front ranks and the sopranos and altos blended finely. The music sounded sweetly from the distance and the effect as it grew stronger and stronger was such as to cause an involuntary smile to creep over the face of the President. The girls, large and small, were garbed in pure white, with chains of ribbons swinging from their shoulders. One rank wore red ribbons, another blue and so on, giving a delightful variety of color to the swinging line."

Killed by Fitchburg Train.

The body of an unknown man was found on the Fitchburg tracks near Gardner yesterday morning. The man had evidently been instantly killed when he was struck by some train in the night. His brains were found several feet from the skull and his heart was picked up a rod away from the body. One leg was cut off and the body nearly cut in two. The man wore a blue suit and soft felt hat. He is not thought to be a tramp for he had on clean underclothes of a good quality.

There was nothing on the person of the dead man to identify him as to his name. There were found rebate checks issued by the Boston & Albany road between Baldwinville and Athol and also between Athol and Gardner. A knife with the name of the maker, John Engstrom, Sweden, on the blade, was found. He was evidently a Swede and apparently some 45 years old.

Business Firms Pay for Chemical.

The Berkshire County savings bank has paid to the Pittsfield fire department committee the sum of \$100 in accordance with an agreement. It is that effect, provisional upon the purchase of a chemical engine by the city. The bank people feel that their property is much better protected than formerly and showed their appreciation in this manner. The Berkshire Life Insurance company actuated by a like spirit, has agreed to pay to the committee the amount saved in insurance by reason of the purchase of the chemical.—Pittsfield Journal.

The people of North Adams, in view of their experience in getting lower insurance rates after securing a chemical, congratulate the Pittsfield fire department on the amount it will receive from the Berkshire Life Insurance company.

REMARKABLE WILL CASE

Question as to Chloroform Drunkard's Responsibility. A Former Local Man

Many local persons who will remember Dr. D'Avignon, who he was in this city years ago will be interested in clippings from Colorado papers which Conrad Apple of Leadville, Col., had with him on a recent visit to this city. Mr. Apple was a close friend of the doctor's and was much interested in the outcome of the will. The Leadville Herald-Democrat had the following:

The famous Dr. D'Avignon will case has again come before the public by its being argued day before yesterday in the court of appeals in Denver. Dr. F. P. D'Avignon for 15 years prior to his demise was a resident of Leadville as a practicing physician. He came to the camp from Montreal, Canada. His wife was, previous to marriage, Georgine Boucher Du Grosbois.

It was evident from stories abroad during the doctor's lifetime, that his domestic relations were not at all happy, and his will carries out the same inference. The will appealed strongly for justice to Mrs. Robb, in that she should receive just what he stipulated. The doctor knew that the bequest to her would cause surprise, and took good care to express in his will his solicitation for her welfare, intimating so delicately and as fervently as possible the reason why she, Mrs. Robb of Denver, should come in for a share of his estate. The estate has been variously estimated worth at from \$70,000 to \$100,000. It included productive mining property, valuable insurance and some shares of the American National bank of Leadville.

Regarding the will and the contest the Denver Evening Post has the following to say:

In passing upon the contest of the will of Dr. F. P. D'Avignon, the court of appeals will have to determine the question whether a man is in his right mind when he is partially under the influence of chloroform. Dr. D'Avignon was regarded as the most able physician in the city. He had an immense practice, his income, it is stated, averaging \$30,000 a year. Those who knew him well say he was a learned, broad-minded, generous-hearted man, and a credit not only to the profession, but to the town in which he resided.

The doctor had one vice, though, which in time injured his reputation and practice. For five years prior to his death he was a confirmed user of chloroform. He did not touch liquor or tobacco in any form. He was a moralist and practiced what he preached in everything except the one vice mentioned.

A chloroform drunk was the doctor's favorite pastime. These spells would occur periodically, and while they were on the doctor would spend money lavishly in wine and dining his friends. Chloroform drunkards are very rare. The doctor is the only one ever heard of in Colorado.

Five days after one of his spells in March, 1894, he executed a will in which he granted a legacy of \$50,000 to Mrs. Virginia E. Robb and her little daughter, Villous E. Robb. Mrs. D'Avignon and his other heirs at law were also substantially remembered, but the bulk of his cash fortunes was willed to the Robbs.

Mrs. Robb was a personal friend of Dr. D'Avignon. Her husband and the doctor were college chums and bosom companions from the time of the doctor's youth in France until Robb's death. Mrs. Robb lost a fortune in speculation, but Dr. D'Avignon promised her that she would never suffer for the necessities of life.

Dr. D'Avignon expresses very forcibly his right to leave his money to whom he pleases in the following clause in the will. The language of it by no means indicates that he was out of his mind:

"All that I have acquired having been strictly and entirely by my own personal efforts, it appears to me that I am entitled to the privilege of leaving and distributing my little fortune in accordance with the dictates of my own conscience. Therefore, I beg and pray that you all agree in carrying out the instructions and direction of this will. Pray, let there be peace and accord between you all; let there be no wrangling, no acrimonious and bitter discussion."

The Pittsfield Sensation.

There were few new developments yesterday in the case of G. Albert Learned, the ex-acting city auditor of Pittsfield who is under arrest on the charge of forgery. Expert Bardwell has been at work on the books and it is understood has found several errors. A few more small orders have been found upon which the endorsements are believed to be forgeries.

All efforts to secure bail for Learned have failed and yesterday he was taken to the county jail to await a hearing July 8. Learned was kept in the station house over night, his friends being confident of securing the necessary \$1200 bonds.

There has been much speculation as to who would be the loser by the city's transactions, the city or the parties who cashed the checks upon which the endorsements were forged. Some attorneys claim the city can be held responsible while others take a different view of the matter. It is understood however that the loss will be borne by the city.

Broke into Fitchburg Cars.

A freight car was broken into at Hoosick Junction Sunday night and a case of colored shirts opened. Several shirts were taken. William Ewing, the Fitchburg railroad detective, was notified, and at Johnsonville Monday he arrested William Spinner of O'Neil, Neb., who admitted that he and two companions committed the offense. The accused was turned over to Deputy Sheriff Van Hynning, who arraigned him before Justice of the Peace Cahill in the afternoon. Spinner was committed to jail until this afternoon for further examination.

CHESHIRE

A special town meeting will be held Wednesday.

"Kazan," the stallion owned by G. Z. Dean, is in the hands of Trainer Bittor. He trotted a week in 2:18.

Rev. G. E. Whitehouse attended the Berkshire Baptist Sunday school convention at Dalton Tuesday.

Mrs. Samuel Tanner and Mrs. Edward Street visited in town yesterday. The Blue Hills of North Adams will play the Cheshire Athletics Saturday afternoon.

Professor Allen of Dalton spent the day in town.

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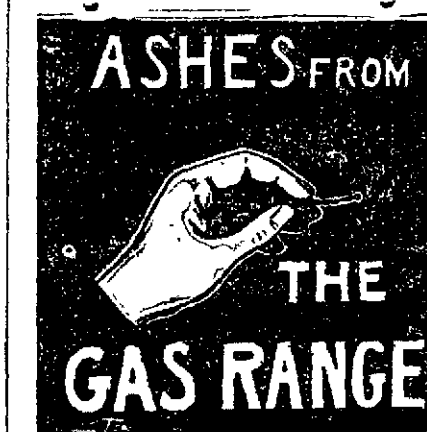


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